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### War of words with Saudis forces BBC to shut down Arabic TV channel

Owen Bowcott David Hirst

dissident Mohammed al-Mas'ari culminated last night in the BBC's Arabic Television channel being taken off air with the probable loss of 250 jobs. The decision to pull the

year service — produced by the corporation and carried on a Saudi-owned satellite — comes less than a week chairman is the Saudi of services from Rome and mission were being "ur-HE diplomatic furore over Saudi Arabian censorship of news about the London-based discident Modern Property of the kingdom.

— comes less than a week after a BBC Panorama property of human rights abuses in the kingdom. of human rights abuses in

In a brief statement, BBC Worldwide television con-firmed it was seeking a "settlement of outstanding matters" with Orbit Com-munications and an "or-The decision to pull the derly wind-down of the ser-plugs on the £12 million a vice". No date has been set

prince Khalid bin 'Abd al-Rahwan. He is a cousin of King Fahd and married to

the King's sister.

Prof al-Mas'ari last night
welcomed the fallout. "It is the best thing," he said.
"The BBC should not submit to Saudi censorship. There is no way you can get into the same bed with

the Saudis couldn't take it. The BBC World Service would do better to find a free channel not owned by the Saudis."

In January it emerged that reports on the BBC's Arabic Television channel about the plan to deport Prof Mas'ari to the Domini-

tion said the gaps in trans-mission were being "ur-gently investigated" but it hoped the service could continue. It was not clear last night who initiated the end to the agreement.

The BBC's contract speci-fied that it should maintain editorial control of the channel's output but signs had been growing of Saudi

Plastic bullets fired at demonstrators as violence marks start of marching season

initially broadcast for two hours a day but swiftly in-creased the service to eight hours. It offered subscribers news, business and factual programmes in Arabic. Based in BBC studios in west London, it has been employing 250 journalists,

producers and technicians.

The BBC said both sides had ultimately given notice "of intention to terminate" the agreement. The channel, launched in June 1984, Africa. Neither Orbit's nor intitally hand age for the Mawarid's offices in Rome or London could be contacted last night.

There is a remote hope that Arabic Television could be transferred to another satellite. Panamsat 4, on which the BBC has a transponder. The corporation may alternatively seek a fresh Arab partner.

said the Panorama prowas broadcast on the chan-nel on Thursday. Translation into Arabic normally takes up to 10 days. It was not blacked out by Orbit. The Foreign Office last night insisted there had been no contact with the Saudi authorities over the latest development.

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 Sir Patrick Mayhew

# Britain faces threat

ian Traynor in Bonn and Patrick Wintour

N ALLIANCE of Germany, France and the Euro-pean Commission is seeking to pressurise Britain into rejoining an over-hauled Exchange Rate Mechanism in a move which will inflame Tory party divisions

over Europe.

Refusal to put the pound into a new currency framework could result in trade sanctions or financial penalties being imposed on Britain, the Chancellor, Kenneth Clarke, will be warned at a meeting of European Union finance ministers later this

Although Mr Clarke will attempt to fend off moves by Britain's European partners to force the pace on closer currency ties, the ambush at Friday's meeting is certain to infuriate Tory Euro-sceptics.

Backed by the commission and Frankfurt-based Euroand Frankfurt-based European Monetary Institute (EMI) — the forerunner of a European central bank which would set EU-wide interest rates — the Franco-German alliance intends to punish Britain if sterling devalues outside a new system.

The sanctions could include discrimination on goods and services exported by Britain to the Continent and fines in the form of higher EU budget

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contributions.
Such a move could damage the single European market and represent a breach of the principle of free trade across national borders in the EU. Euro-sceptics regard Brit-ain's departure from the ERM on "Black Wednesday" in September 1992 as the turning point in the revival of the British economy. Interest rates have fallen dramatically since, while the weaker pound has given British exporters a competitive boost at the expense of European

and world rivals.
Bill Cash, Conservative MP for Stafford, said: "Any attempt to bully Britain into mother exchange rate mechanism by imposing sanctions must be vetoed. The Prime Minister would be expected to

Clarke to tell the other countries where to get off." Friday's meeting is aimed

at resolving the issue of how the future single European currency will be linked to the

German and French offi-cials met last month to finetune their views ahead of the meeting in Verona, northern Italy.
Last week central bank gov-

ernors met in Frankfurt to agree proposals to be put to the meeting by Alexandre Lamfalussy, head of the EMI.

Last week's annual report from the EMI said exchange rates in the EU were a matter of the EMI.

the proposals he will table, Mr Lamfalussy described the row over the relationship between those inside and outside the single currency club as "a major political issue" which would become "crucial and could become a per diffiand could become a very diffi-cult problem to handle". Germany and France

Germany and France appear to favour compelling membership in a new ERM to prevent, say, the British or the stalians engaging in "competitive devaluations" to make their exports cheaper.

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make their exports cheaper.

The battle over the "insouts" dilemma has intensified since the Prime Minister, in his Mansion House speech last November, raised the issue. Within days of that speech, Hans Tietmeyer, chief of Germany's powerful central bank, responded by conceding that some unnamed countries might get the "silly idea" of opting for competitive devaluation against the euro and called for moves "to tive devaluation against the share of the £21 million jack considering retiring. I am the rollover cash accumulation and called for moves "to pot on the first day of the figure it will be business as eliminate the national option of deliberate devaluation".

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currencies of EU member states which stay outside. Despite economic problems across Europe, some countries still believe the "euro" could be established by January 1, 1999. Heartened by the cabinet decision last week to agree to

hold a referendum before adopting the euro, Tory Euro-aceptics — who see a single currency as leading inevita-bly to political union — will demand that Mr Clarke reject pressure for an early decision to rejoin the ERM.

Ireland Correspondent TOLENCE erupted on the opening day of the Protestant marching season in Northern Ireland when riot police fired plastic bullets at loyalist demonstrations and the protest policy partial terrories and the protest pr of "common interest" and Mr Lemfalussy said that would entail policy co-ordination among EU members. While declining to disclose

annual rally in Portadown, years ago. Since then the Lower Ormeau Concerned Community has orchestrated Co Armagh. during yesterday's sporadic clashes, and several shops and husinesses on Belfast's of a campaign to prevent the last the RUC mounted a daylong blockade to prevent the ling to do with the murders of the reason. For much of the looked as if the demonstrators.

Co Armagh.

But last week the RUC At about 5pm it looked as if the demonstrators at the demonstrators at the demonstrator at th

tors wielding petrol bombs during a tense stand-off over the right to march through a largely Catholic district.

Pive people were injured during yesterday's sporadic clashes, and several shops

David Sharrock

the Lower Ormeau. Violence flared three times during the day-long stand-off, notably in the early evening when riot police fired a volley

of plastic bullets into a crowd of 500 demonstrators. Five Catholics were mur-dered in a bookmaker's shop on the Lower Ormeau by the Ulster Freedom Fighters four

free parking passes to a patrol of traffic wardens might have

Each of the 19 workers at

the Centre One office in East Kilbride, near Glasgow, will receive around £220,000 when

said: "We are all stunned. The telephone lines have been buzzing since the draw. I don't think any of us will be

been as popular.

Protestant Apprentice Boys and are simply upholding a day, barring two scuffles, the organisation from marching century-old tradition to across the River Lagan into march into the city centre a dignified vigil at the

Protestants confront riot police after being barred from marching into a mainly Catholic area of south Belfast yesterday

Ulster march ends in RUC clash

down a public highway.
The local Ballynafeigh branch of the Apprentice Boys had been due to parade down the road in south Belfast — where Catholics have come to outnumber Protestants in the past two decades

— at 7.30 in the morning
before making their way to an

Ormeau Bridge, which was sealed before dawn by police

armoured Land-Rovers. In the afternoon the Rev lan Paisley, leader of the Demo-cratic Unionist Party, arrived at the bridge in an apparent attempt to negotiate a settlement. But he left without making any comment amid some barracking from the

demonstrators.

the Centre One office in East Kilbride, near Glasgow, will receive around £220,000 when Camelot, the National Lottery organiser, reopens today after the Easter holiday.

One syndicate member said: "We are all stunned. The future."

When the numbers — 1.4 6.

# Revenue's lottery win taxes punters' patience A spokeswoman for the In-land Revenue said yesterday: "Lottery winnings, like all gambling is tax-free. They won't have to declare it on

### When the numbers -1, 4, 6, 14, 17, 38 - were drawn, there were five winning tickets for the rollover cash accumu-

### Inside

Britain Thefts from government departments - from computers to a horsebox - have risen by 373 per cent in five years.

**World News** 

The United States is playing down the risk of conflict in Korea, fearing the South's domestic policies could inflame the crisis.

Finance Children were given

among the best pay increases in the land last year with pocket money up by 17 per cent, a new Survey shows. -

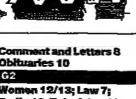
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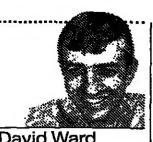
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David Ward

HIS column's daughter is buying a flat, so the hous-ing market must be picking up. The bad news is that this particular first-time buyer has not heard of the word deposit, so this column is broke again. Forget sympa-

thy; just send cheques. Grace Gilroy-Lowe has not promised a donation. She spent Easter in North Wales trying to sell a house (det. 4 beds, 2 baths, sea views; £95,000) inherited 18 months ago. "This is supposed to be the weekend for house viewing," she said. "No one showed up. I've read what they said about an upturn, but they said that a year ago." This column tried to cheer

her up by describing its good fortune in selling quickly a terraced house in east London last year. But it sounded like gloating. We agreed the only option was prayer and Guardforwarded.

Mr X is equally sceptical about the market, despite hav-ing just sold his detached 200year-old cottage in Failsworth. near Oldham, Greater Man-chester. The house (4 beds, Ige brck g ge, walled gdns, new kit) sold for under £60,000. having been originally offered at more than £70,000.

"All this stuff about the market moving — it's just waffle from the Government," complained Mr X, who is emigrating to a better life in Australia with his family. "Nothing is moving here. The only reason people are staying in jobs is because they are frightened to death and being paid rubbish wages. The rich just seem to get richer." Mr X sold his house pri-

vately, having disposed of an estate agent he described as useless. Perhaps he should have consulted the new firm of Jordan Fishwick which opened its first office in Wilmslow, Cheshire, a year ago. Pariner David Stagg

Review

jacket-off enthusiasm, opti-mism and efficiency in the gency's second office in

'We are selling in weeks operties which have been on he market with other agents or years," he said. "We are not performing miracles, just doing the job property." Jordan Fishwick boasts a Rolls-Royce service based on \$20,000 worth of clever com-

puter which can match vendor to buyer like a dating agency. Duly impressed, this column asked for something nice in the nearby mill village

of Bollington: three beds, Victorian, Pennine views — that sort of thing. Quick as flash, the screen showed details and pictures of a cottage for £53,500. Unfortunately, the machine is not trained to shout "Come off it!" when it spots lustfully unrealistic eyes wandering off towards £350,000 prestige barn conversions in the Peak national

Giving his mouse finger a rest, Mr Stagg said: "Mortgage rates are very comparable ggainst house values so it is an advantageous time for those looking to move up the market and also for first-time

Enter a first-time buyer: Alison Box, who wants to move to Macclestield to be nearer her job. She made an appointment to view a twobed terraced cottage on offer a £46,000. "I'm not sure the market has quite bottomed out but it's fairly close," she said. Ms Box works for a com-pany which organises bring-

your-own-rug-and-picnic concerts. Neighbours should be warned that she could celebrate a house purchase with a symphony orchestra, the 1812 overture, lasers and a firework display in her bijou back garden.
Burring briring. This
column's daughter is on the

telephone. She has just bought a beautiful hand-made bed. Couldn't she, asked the aged parent, have settled for a cheap futon and put the bed money into the deposit? "We spend a third of our lives in bed and it's vital to have some thing comfortable," she said haughtily, using the same irrefutable logic she employed when explaining why vegetar-ians experience more wind

### Refugees have taken over the US embassy compound, writes Phillip van Niekerk in Monrovia

## Seasonal gloom Liberia plunges into chaos

mbassy com-cound at Mamba Point, at the southern tip of Monrovia. From the four cor ners of the Liberian capital people have walked here with only what they can carry on their heads. Up to 20,000 are crammed into every inch of space, even extending on to the tennis courts.

Their stories offer the first insight into the human devastation left by heavy fighting that has raged for three days in the city and its suburbs. A young woman says that the Krahn people, loyal to the dissident General Roosevelt

Johnson, came to her neigh-bourhood, killed at least 25 people and burnt houses. In the middle of her story, a crackle of AK-47 fire from out side the compound sends 20,000 people ducking and div-ing in unison. There is no safe haven left in Monrovia. No one cares which side the

fighters are on. They all share roughly the same profile. They are under 25, doped up, well armed and their writ is the only one the city now knows. Just outside the compound, body lies in the street. The back of his head is missing, indicating an execution-style killing. Black smoke hangs over the city, coming from the Barclay Training Centre Bar-

racks where rival factions are locked in battle. A US military team from Europe was scheduled to

arrive in Monrovia today to determine whether some 470 Americans should be evacu-ated along with other foreign nationals. Diplomats said many foreigners were trapped in their homes.

Reports last night said 38 foreign nationals, thought to be Lebanese, had been taken

ostage by Krahn forces. The UN said it had yet to decide whether to evacuate its 233 personnel. A spokes-man. Ahmad Fawzi, said most of the UN's 90 military observers had taken refuge in the US compound.

The radio station of Charles Taylor's National Patriotic Front calls on people from the Bassa community to leave the area of the barracks to enable for its own militia - to con-

duct 'mopping up' operations.
The term "mopping up" is wishful thinking. In the compound, Alfred Sherrif has just escaped from the barracks. He confirms that it is still held by the Krahn faction, loyal to Gen Johnson, whose attempted arrest on murder charges was the pretext for the mayhem. Mr Sherrif said he saw more than 20 peace-keepers of the West African held captive there. Three allowing the city to be sacked. But yesterday they moved in behind Mr Taylor's forces to root out the dissidents. An Alpha jet fighter, the first plane seen in skies for days, offered a sign that Econog and the Taylor faction had recaptured the airport.

A six-member council of

A six-member council state has been running the country since last August. But since the battle began, the warlords. Mr Taylor and spoken on behalf of the gov-ernment. The action against Gen Johnson thus indicated the Taylor-Kromsh alliance At the Mamba Point Hotel, a small group of Europeans gazes nervously out to sea. Outside can be heard the rat-tle of small arms fire and occasional artillery. No one eats near the windows

if they go they will leave be-hind a human disaster. Already, the refugees at the compound are hungry. The price of rice rose five times in a day. Mr Taylor's radio station stays on, pop music inter-rupted by snatches of propa-ganda. "No one can be allowed panished says an announcer, untroubled by the irony that this has been a city of total



Yvonne Fletcher: shot dead policing demonstration

Documentary says second gunman could have been behind killing in 1984 which hardened **British** attitude to Gaddafi

Duncan Campbell

and Richard Norton-Taylor

VONNE Fletcher, the policewoman shot

dead during a demon-

stration outside the Libyan

Embassy more than 10

years ago, could have been killed by a member of the

American intelligence ser-

vices to enlist British sup-

port against Libya, accord-

ing to a documentary to be

The programme claims

that a second gunman could have been involved in

the killing, and suggests many key facts in the case

WPC Fletcher was on duty outside the Libyan Embassy in St James's

Square, central London, in

have been covered up.

shown tomorrow.



The memorial to WPC Fletcher placed in St James's Square. Her family feels the whole truth has not emerged

### 'US involved' in death of WPC at Libyan embassy

that there was something different about it but the

message wasn't passed on. It should have been policed differently and constables

like Yvonne should not

A Dispatches documen-tary to be shown on Chan-

nel 4 tomorrow suggests that Yvonne Fletcher's

death could have been a

cynical murder in order to bring the British into line

as part of the United Sta-

Members of Ms Fletcher's tes's campaign against could respond to the pro-family have always felt that Libya. When the US test demonstration by Liby-the whole truth has not bombed Tripoli in an un-emerged. Her mother, successful attempt to kill fire on them. It was clear, it the could respond to the pro-test demonstration by Liby-an dissidents by opening fire on them. It was clear, it is suggested, that on the day WPC Fletcher was the could respond to the pro-test demonstration by Liby-an dissidents by opening fire on them. It was clear, it is suggested, that on the day wPC Fletcher was the could respond to the pro-

that demonstration than doubt on the original find. The programme argues

### Small idea on a small stage

Adam Sweeting Gary Numen

Apollo, Hammersmith

IKE Cliff Richard, Gary Numan's real surname is Webb. Perhaps the similarities don't end there. Despite his superficial trappings of electronic totalitarianism and a performing persona which makes John Redwood seem amusing and spontaneous. Numan is a determined self-made entrepreneur, who has built himself a dependably loyal following despite ceaseless brickbats from critics. In-deed, like Sir Clifford, he has

plugged away so doggedly that the critics have given up. It would be tempting to say something like "Numan has come a long way since he formed Tubeway Army in 1977," but musically, at least. it would be transparently untrue. His two best known songs, Cars and Are 'Friends' Electric?, will always be his two best known songs. Cars is enjoying its umpteenth lease of life thanks to a lager commercial. Numan, who fam-ously voiced his support for Margaret Thatcher in 1983, was quick to grasp the princismall, could conquer the

world if it was repackaged and exported aggressively enough.
If Numan's appeal was unfathomable then, it is utterly baffling now. Gary apologised for having to squeeze his act on to the little bit of the stage not occupied by the scenery for an ongoing production of Joseph, but even if the stage had been twice the size it is difficult to imagine its being twice as good. Drums and keyboards were perched atop giant cubes, the latter deco-rated to look like marble plinths adorned with imperia tridents, with Numan's surname in pseudo-Roman letter-ing displayed between them.

Numan writhed and strutted in his tight black suit and knee-high boots, like a megalomaniac filing clerk plotting to overthrow the old order With cunning and cruelty. What little there is to be . said about Numan has been

thesiser noises he used to make now sound fuller and more rounded, though he still uses that cloudy old syn-drum sound (think of Ultravox's Vienna), with Rob Harris's scorching guitar adding some hard-rock wallop. There is no discernable meaning in his songs. His whining vocals were mostly inscrutable, though the odd phrase did jump out of the mix — "don't let me down", "let your light shine on me", "Is it me? Is it you?" But it was never enough to sustain the illusion that the sones might contain some shred of action, character or

provoke a modicum of nostalgia, with its echoes of Spandau Ballet or Heroes-era David Bowie. Unfortunately less of course you are one of the air-punching devotees eager to join in on the "Gary Sings Nuremburg" numbers (I'd name them if I could tell them apart) where everyone can safely salute the Führer without risking arrest for threatening behaviour. Same again next year, then.

#### Burger and bazooka coupon offer misfires in Baltimore

ABURGER King restaurant the offer. That prompted the owner of the sports shop they whopper of a deal — buy food and get a discount on ammuand get a discount on ammunition or a gun. A coupon printed on the back of meal receipts said: "Good for one free box of ammo with gun purchase or 10 per cent off."

But within an hour of learning about the coupon Burger. ing about the coupon, Burger king headquarters in Mianti

lawsuit. He spent \$14,000 to promote his store at the res-taurant and on cable TV. "I don't sell to low-lifes or criminals." he said.

There were 320 murder more last year alone. told the operator to withdraw | Baltimore Sun

said before, give or take a bit of updating. The insipid syn-

Numan's performance did anything Gary reminds you of isn't worth remembering, un-

### **NUT leader crushed in** 'more democracy' fight

fired at anti-Gaddafi dem-

onstrators. At the time it

shots had been fired from the first floor of the Em-

No one was charged with the murder. The 22 Em-

bassy officials were allowed to leave the build-

ing 10 days after the shoot-

ing, were escorted to Heath-

row airport and flew back

to a heroes' welcome in

Members of Ms Fletcher's

the tenth anniversary of her daughter's death: "I think the Government

bassy building.

Tripoli.

OUG McAvoy, general secretary of the National Union of Teachers, yesterday went down to a crushing defeat in his attempt to break the power of leftwingers by introducing new procedures to submit all conference decisions to a postal ballot of the full membership.

As delegates pressed on to approve strike action when-ever teachers were "victim-ised" by critical reports from the school inspectorate, he said the failure to give authority back to grassroots members was a sad day for the 125-year-old union.
Mr McAvoy had viewed yesterday's votes as the key test in his battle to prevent the NUT continuing as an over-aggressive but toothless tiger, passing resolutions for militant action at conferences each Easter which were rarely carried out by memhers in the schools.

He wanted the union to become the first in the TUC to introduce ballots before any conference decision could

take effect. But the plan was defeated by 102.278 votes to 74.044, delegates deciding rule by plebiscite from union

headquarters would not

encourage democratic partici

pation at branch level.

one would vote against (the balloting proposal) unless they are not confident the de-cisions they take here are to be considered today. supported by those they claim to represent," Mr McAvoy said. "That could be the only logical reason for members opposing putting to a ballot of the membership decisions

taken in their name."

He promised to continue the fight to increase democracy in the union. Whenever hers were being asked to take any form of action, it was necessary for them to be bal-loted. "We cannot extend the boycott of testing without going to the members, nor can we engage in a policy of not co-operating with school

nspectors."
The conference went on to approve an amendment sup-porting "a ballot for industrial action in any school where a teacher is victimised as a result of an inspection by the Office for Standards in Education".

Delegates were concerned

about plans by Chris Wood-head, the chief inspector of schools, to grade teachers on a scale of one to seven on the evidence of as few as two inspected lessons, advising heads to take action against poor performers. They considered this an unfair approach to pursuing Mr Woodhead's aim of rooting out 15,000 "inplans for primary school

same tables is also expected Earlier in the debate on reforming the union, a succession of delegates condemned Mr McAvoy's plans

as "Dougocracy".
"It isn't democracy when a small group who don't like a decision, democratically taken, decide to ballot the wider membership without allowing the other group to put its side of the case," said Gill Goodswen, a teacher from Kirklees. "It shows a contemptuous disregard for the intelligence of our members."

Kevin Courtney, a teacher from Camden, London, said Mr McAvoy's proposals — supported by a majority on the national executive would force a local branch to spend £460 on balloting its members before it could make a £50 donation to a local

charity. But John Cox, a Cumbria nead teacher, likened the reform proposals to the Labour Party's move to a one-member-one-vote system of decision-making which strengthened its electoral appeal. "The NUT should not be afraid of the views of its own member." members."

Conference reports, page 5;

#### Plastic bullets fired as **Protestants** and RUC clash

floor window of the em-bassy. It suggests, with the backing of Hugh Thomas— a controversial former

army surgeon — that the trajectory of the bullet that killed her indicates that

she was shot from a much

greater height.
It is also claimed that the

security services were aware of the fact that Colo-nel Gaddafi had told those

in the embassy that they

continued from page 1 30 miles away began swelling the numbers.

Some of those present seemed determined to stage a repeat of last July's three-day stand-off between police and Orangemen in Portadown, in what became known as the Siege of Dumcree, after an Or-ange parade was banned from going down a Catholic road. More plastic bullets were fired when demonstrators began smashing their way into a tyre depot, at which point the police pushed them some 200 yards further up the Ormeau Road. Side streets were sealed off.

Defending the officers' action, Ronnie Flanagan, the deputy chief constable, said outside elements were to blame for the trouble. "Many of them were quite obviously the worse for drink," he said. Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Northern Ireland Secretary said: "The disgraceful attacks on the police are the work of people intent on violent con-frontation and disorder. "I utterly condemn them as

will everyone in Northern Ireland who believes in peace ful and democratic methods." As the evening wore or more Protestant bands ar rived, marching up and dow the road and playing a medic of loyalist songs. But later in the evening calm had been restored and many of the protesters began to drift away.

April 1984 when shots were | anyone admits, they knew | ling that WPC Fletcher must | that the fatal shot could | Taylor, who has taken an fired at anti-Gaddafi dem- that there was something | have been shot from a first | have come from a handgun | interest in the case for a fired from the sixth floor of another building in the square which had recently been used by intelligence officers. American security analysts say that the shoot-ing drastically altered the British attitude to Gaddafi which, until then, had been much more relaxed than that within the Reagan

administration. Conservative MP Teddy

tempts to get the truth of what exactly bappened that day have been rebuffed.
"What we get back all the time is waffle," he says. The programme says a post-mortem report on Ms Fletcher was changed after the inopest and a Cabinet

number of years, says in

the programme that at-

Office report on the incldent was never published.



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### Seized **Briton** seen in jungle

David Pallister

HE British mine clearance expert and his Cambodian interpreter kidnapped two weeks ago by an armed gang believed to be Khmer Rouge were seen alive last Wednesday, a senior provincial official said yesterday. Christopher Howes, aged 36, a former sapper from Bris-tol, was seized with Houn Hourth, aged 30, by about 30 men on March 26 while working on a road project five miles from Cambodia's 11th century temple complex at

Angkor Wat. The deputy governor of Siem Reap province. Hem Bun Heng said villagers collecting firewood spotted them eating rice near a pool with about 30 rice hear a pool with about 30 armed men in the jungle 40 miles north of Siem Reap town. "They were not hand-cuffed, and they then walked with the armed group to the northern area of the jungle. With the latest report, I feel that the latest report, I feel

with the latest report. I test
that they might be sent to the
Khmer Rouge area of Anlong
Veng near the Thai border."
Mr Heng's announcement
is the latest in a series of conflicting reports from officials
about whether the kidnappers
have been accuracted and have been contacted and whether they are Khmer Rouge regulars or freelance bandits. If the sighting is ac-curate, the pair are being taken into the jungle strong-hold of the Khmer Rouge ruled by General Ta Mok. known as "the Butcher

Mr Howes, who works for the British charity Mines Advisory Group, was one of a number of mainly British exsoldiers training more than 300 Cambodians to clear the millions of mines left after 25 years of conflict. He moved to Cambodia in November.

The gang took him hostage with more than a dozen Cambodian assistants. After he refused to return to Siem Reap and bring back a ransom of £6,000 for the release of his team, his men were layed his leg Ouer my thigh, and sigh'd, and released and he and Mr Hourth were marched off. According to General Khan Savoeun, the regional army

commander, three villagers sent as intermediaries have also been kidnapped. In 1993 the Khmer Rouge

seized and then released a British de-miner working for seven Westerners, including three Britons, were seized and all but one, an American woman aid worker, killed.

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Donald Sinden and Suzame Bertish in the RSC's Othelio at the Aldwych Theatre in the West End in 1980

# Shakespeare scribe 'rewrote Othello'

Bard's tragedy could have become comedy of printing errors — but some say it is much ado about nothing

Paul Robeson as Othello at Stratford in 1959

Robeson, Laurence Olivier, Don-Sinden, Anthony Hopkins

they may have got it all wrong. They could all have been speaking the wrong lines in the part of Othello, as indeed Lawrence Fishburn might be, playing the Moor to Kenneth Branagh's Isso in the current cinema version of

For much of Othello was rewritten by the man who copied it our for the printers, according to a book launched at the World Shakespeare Congress in Los Angeles

In The Texts of Othello and Shakespearean Revision, published this week, Professor Ernst Honigmann, a noted Shakespearean scholar, claims that the scrivener, or scribe, Ralph Crane, substan-tially altered Shakespeare's original, including the fam-ous speech "It is the cause, it is the cause, my soul", spoken by Othello as he approaches Desdemona's bed with murderous intent.

The argument of my book is that a very large number of words in the play as usually printed are more likely to come from the pen of Ralph Crane than from the pen of Shakespeare," says the

As a performer who hap-pened to write plays, Shake-speare took little trouble about the transformation of his work from near illegible manuscript to printable form (although he was careful about his noems).

RSON Welles, Paul | in two versions, known as quarto and folio. A quarto is usually a single play pub-lished on its own, a folio is a collection of plays (of 36 or thereabouts in Shakespeare's case); the words folio and quarto refer to the folding of the sheet:

Honigmann's case depends on the acceptance of Crane as the scribe who copied out the 1623 folio version of the play, which has long been adopted by editors as fundamentally Shakespearian, in preference to the 1622 quarto edition which suffered from the shaky finances and questionable procedures of the printer Thomas Walkley, or from "memorial perversions" as

Professor Honigmann puts it. There are hundreds of dif-ferent words in the two versions. The questions are: which differences are Shake-speare's own revisions, which are those of his collaborators, and which are textual corruptions - and does it matter

Russell Jackson, text ad-viser to the Lawrence Fishburne Othello, and currently working with Kenneth Bran-agh on his forthcoming film of Hamlet, doesn't think it

"I don't think it affects the people who perform or inter-pret the plays unless they feel the need to attribute them in their entirety to one presid-ing genius," he said from the Shepperton set of Hamiet.
"They're still vital theatrical texts whether or not they



Laurence Fishburne playing the lead in the current film version of the play

Giles Foden on

work to cast doubt

English literature's

most famous plays

Old Adam of corruption, he sees more error than authorial improvement when the quarto and folio texts diverge. This admirably clarifying work will spreed doubt and confusion among

As for Ralph Crane, he remains a shadowy figure. A lawyer's scrivener, he worked for Shakespeare's King's Men theatre company between 1619 and 1623, mainly on comedies — although he did write come from the pen of one a poem that survives.

although he was careful hout his poems).

The plays were published Shakespeare's sonnets for about Shakespearean author-

Penguin, has given a cautious welcome to Honigmann's proposals.

"Honigmann is reminding us that Shakespeare's texts come down to us through various hands. Reinstating the learn my proposed as the suther representation of the seven that the seven proposed as the suther representation of the seven proposed as the suther representation. been proposed as the author of Hamlet (Freud was a supporter of this claim).

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There have also been suggestions that rival playwright
Christopher Marlowe was not
killed in a drunken brawl, or an Elizabethan secret service execution, but went on to write secretly as "Shake-speare". Others believe that the plays are the work of a group including leading fig-ures of the day, such as Wal-ter Paleigh

EAJ Honigman, The Texts of Othello and Shakespearian

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Act 1 Scene 3

Either for stay or going, the

And speede must answer, you must hence to night,

Desd: To night my Lord? Du: This night.

Vouch with me Heaven, I there

Othello, the Quarto of 1622

Act 1 Scene 3

Quarto

Folio

Oth: With all my heart.

th'Affaire cries host:

Oth: With all my heart.

Act 3 Scene 3

Quarto:

Folio

Either for her stay, or going:

And speed must answer it. Sen: You must away to night

Cry out, sweete creature, and

then kisse me hard. As if he pluckt up kisses by the

That grew opon my lips, then

kissed, and then Cried, cursed fate, that gave thee to the Moore.

Cry, oh sweete Creature: then

kisse me hard, As if he pluckt up kisses by the

his Leg ore my Thigh, And sigh, and kisse, and then

cry cursed Fate , That gave thee to the Moore

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### **CBI tries to nail 'insecurity myth'**

Business chiefs hope inquiry will counter fears over job flexibility

Economics Corres

EPRESENTATIVES of Britain's largest businesses have launched a big inquiry into largest job insecurity to counter charges that firms are exploiting part-time and contract staff and to head off pressure for enhanced worker rights from a Labour government. Business leaders fear a Blair administration will use growing job insecurity to jus-tify tighter labour market

regulation.
Members of the Confederation of British Industry's employment policy committee have instructed staff to investigate the problem, the Guardian has learned. Insiders expect the probe to show that job insecurity is a problem of

perception rather than real-ity. One top policy adviser at the CBI said: "Sometimes per-ception overtakes reality. That could be well the case

Work on the inquiry, expected to draw on specially commissioned opinion polls, has just started and the final draft will form the basis for discussion at the CBI's annual meeting in November. John Cridland, the CBI's human resource policy direc-tor, said: "Our members were worried that growing concerns about job insecurity would be harmful to the credi-

bility of flexible employment part-time work and so on." Bosses were anxious to pre-serve their right to hire and fire without government interference, he added. "Unless we look at it ourselves, the undermine one of the C danger is that the mood will tion's main election the

change and we would be a casualty."

But Labour seized on the move as evidence the CBI was

moving on to its agenda. Michael Meacher, shadow employment secretary, said that whatever the motive for the research, it represented a significant change of tack. "I very much welcome the

CBI's concern over job inse-curity. This shows the CBI beginning to act as social part-ners in a way that will help an incoming Labour govern-ment to tackle this endemic He admitted differences

over policy were likely to remain. "But the fact they are even looking at it indicates a more positive approach."

Some CBI officials are concerned that the organisation has been too hostile to Labour on issues such as the minimum wage and the European social chapter, and fear the research could be used to undermine one of the Opposi-

night: "We have done a lot to knock down their plans for a minimum wage. Job insecu-rity does have more of a Labourish feel to it - but I'm afraid that might not be the way it comes out."

Internal hopes of a less po litically partisan approach had been fuelled by the recent appointment of Adair Turner as director-general. In his keynote speech, Mr Turner — nicknamed "Wet Adair" by staff — called for workers to be given a bigger share of company profits.
In recent months, CBI

specialists have been in-volved in discussions with senior Labour front-benchers on a range of issues, includ-ing the latest training policy document, but front-benchers are afraid the employers organisation will covertly support the Conservatives as polling day nears.

Workers put stake up for sale, page 11

'My eye can never perceive lines or details, and I never think of counting the hairs on a pedestrian's beard or the buttons on his coat. Such trifles never distract my attention." Goya at the Prado

### Computer thieves hit Whitehall

David Hencke Westminster Correspondent

EFTS from government departments particularly computer equipment soared by 373 per cent to nearly £2 million a year over he last five years, according to figures released by

The scale of the increase — from just over £400.000 in 1991 to £1.973,042 last year - has led some departments to link the spate of thieving to organised gangs. using contrac-tors' passes to gain access.

Among departments targeted are the Serious Fraud Office; SAFE, the security agency, the Cabinet Office, the Treasury and the Crown Prosecution Service.

The increase, revealed in a series of parliamentary answers to Ian McCartney Labour's employment spokesman, coincides with large purchases of computer equipment

One of the largest increases - 831.4 per cent from £52,291 to £487.041 at the Department of Employment — has been linked to computer thefts from buildings in Westmin-ster and Holborn in central London by people using contractors' passes, taking advantage of privatisation.

The Department of Health, break-ins by professional criminals in search of comput-

mated because not all are recorded. The Department of Environment keeps no cen-tral records while the Ministry of Defence does not record anything stolen worth less than £100,000. The ministry recently disclosed that it had lost many valuable prints and paintings from buildings, including the boardroom of the Admiralty Arch.

Its only recorded thefts are some three-inch Royal Navy rockets worth £104,000 and a thermal imager worth £118,000. The thermal imager disappeared of the healt for disappeared off the back of a lorty during a transfer be-tween bases while the rockets disappeared while being un-loaded at a Scottish port. The rockets fire anti radar filings rather than weapons.

Among the more exotic thefts are 23 heat lamps and a horsebox from the Home Office; an uninterruptable power supply unit from the Treasury and a despatch van from the Scottish Office.

Mr McCarmey said: "It is appalling that ministerial in-competence is allowing millions of pounds worth of gov-ernment equipment to disappear. Some small losses may be expected in any organisation, but when £50,000 worth of chairs, £100,000 worth of rockets and even a horsebox vanish there

is serious cause for concern.
"Only one government de-partment said it was looking which records a 2.048 per cent increase from £10.800 a year to £232.020, blames the rise on rity. If ministers do not take an increasing frequency of action to stop this flood of property flowing out of the back door of their depart-ments, they will be regarded The thefts are underestil as partners in crime.

Departmental thefts and losses 1991/2-1995/6

| Department       | 1991-2<br>(C) | 1995-6<br>(2) | Increase  | %<br>rice | £ total<br>91/2-95/6 |
|------------------|---------------|---------------|-----------|-----------|----------------------|
| Attorney General | 8,700         | 21,812        | 13.112    | 150.7     | 99,350               |
| Treasury         | 12,789        | 68,662        | 55,893    | 437.7     | 236,146              |
| Education        | 0             | 31,400        | 31,400    | _         | 60,100               |
| Employment       | 52,291        | 487,041       | 434,750   | 831.41    | 1,421,683            |
| Delence          | 104,000       | n/a           | n/a       | n/a       | 122,000              |
| Home Office      | 10,885        | 139.435       | 125,550   | 1,180.9   | 235,101              |
| Foreign Office   | 865           | 21,108        | 20,241    | 2,340     | 82,968               |
| Social Security  | 89.799        | 851,020       | 761,221   | 847.7     | 7,320,016            |
| Environment      | R/B           | 45,285        | n/a       | n/a       | 87,768               |
| Cabinet Office   | 2.250         | 29,252        | 27,002    | 1,200     | 110,815              |
| Scotland         | n/a           | 13,000        | n/a       | n/a       | 21,000               |
| Wales            | 5.067         | 32,495        | 27,429    | 541       | 65,804               |
| Health           | 10,800        | 232,020       | 221,230   | 2,048     | 514,700              |
| Transport        | 11/a          | n/a           | n/a       | n/a       | 186,389              |
| N Ireland        | 23.011        | n/a           | n/a       | r/a       | 111,056              |
| National Hentage | 0             | 513           | 513       | _         | 513                  |
| ITO              | 96.000        | n/a           | n/e       | n/a       | 260,000              |
| Total            | 416,437       | 1,973.042     | 1,556,608 | 373       | 4,941,409            |
|                  |               |               |           |           |                      |

Duncan Campbell Crime Correspondent

■WO British lorry drivers who claim they were duped by heroin dealers will appear in court in Bulgaria today to appeal against their conviction for drug smuggling. Both were sentenced to 7'4 years in jail.

Last May John Mills. aged
41. from north London, was

hired by an Essex haulage company to take Ford vehicle parts to Turkey. He asked a friend, Peter Hobbs, also 41 and from north London, to ac-company him and navigate. They picked up the lorry from

While they were in Turkey, Mills was asked to make a de-tour and pick up an order in Bulgaria. In early June, the two men were arrested in Bulgaria after 20kgs of heroin, worth more than £600,000, had been found in an outside com-

partment of their lorry.
They were charged with heroin smuggling, and a trial set for October. They were de-tained in prison in Sofia dur-ing which time Hobbs, who suffers from depression, became ill through dehydration. They eventually stood trial in February this year and were each jatled for 7': years. They were also both fined £1,500.

The two men are now ap-pealing against their convic-tion. They claim that they were the innocent dupes of drug smugglers who had hidden the heroin and arranged of drivers.

with accomplices to remove it when the lorry returned to

Dorothy Lawrence, Mills's girlfriend, says he has no idea when the drugs were put in

"When they set off the box on the side of the lorry was empty apart from some tools and some water they put in there so they could brew up some test on the journey." she some tea on the journey," she said. "John doesn't know where the heroin would have been put in. He can't under stand why they are there — he keeps saying 'We didn't do

anything." Mrs Hobbs reported he husband missing when he failed to return for a family birthday. "They left the lorry on at least two occasions in Turkey," says Mrs Hobbs. "It [the placing of the drugs] could have happened then." Steven Jakobi of Fair Trials Abroad. which has assisted

the two men, says it is hard to believe that if the men had been involved they would have placed the drugs in such an obvious place. He believes they may be the latest victim: of smugglers who see lorry drivers as a risk-free way of smuggling drugs into the

United Kingdom.

Mr Jakobi suggests there are now many lorry drivers in jails in Spain, France and Morocco who have been victims of such scams. There are around 400 Europeans in jai in Morocco of whom 40 are British, including a number

#### Law Society loses PR chief as dispute rumbles on

THE dispute between senior officials at the Law Society and its president, Martin Mears, has claimed another casualty, with the an-nouncement today that Sue Stapely, head of public rela-

stately, head to point reactions, is to depart.

She will become a director of the communications consultancy Fishburn Hedges.
Her decision to leave comes less than a month after Andrew Lockley, director of corporate and regional affairs, announced his

departure.
Mr Mears, the anti-establishment outsider elected last together."

summer, has made no secret of his belief that Ms Stapely and Mr Lockley, along with some other senior staff, were against him. He had said that he could not work with

Ms Stapely's move follows an open letter to the profes-sion from Eileen Pembridge, a member of the society council who stood unsuccess-fully against Mr Mears. claiming there was a "climate of fear and distrust" at the so-ciety's central London headquarters.

She said staff felt that "their time and efforts are wasted. It is increasingly difficult for them to undertake



# Stately home a cash victim of council reorganisation

New unitary authority has closed Dyffryn House and only lottery funding can save its famous gardens, Maev Kennedy reports

after becoming one of the first victims in the heritage area of local government reorgan-

The Museums Association and the Garden History Society have warned that there may be many more casualties as new, smaller authorities

STATELY home near | take on the responsibilities of A Cardiff has closed its the old county councils.

Dyfryn House, a Victorian mansion run as a conference centre, has closed with a loss of 60 jobs. Its Edwardian gardens will

remain open to the public for a year, but their future is also in doubt unless the new unitary authority, Vale of Glamorgan borough council, can get heritage lottery funds to

The house and its gardens were jointly administered by Mid and South Glamorgan county councils, which ceased to exist on March 31. The new council will not know until June if its applica-

tion for lottery money has

Sir Cenydd Traherne leased the house and gardens to the councils for 999 years for a peppercorn rent in the 1930s. and they are still owned by the family.

Sir Cenydd, who died last year, stipulated that they door rooms" of Sissinghurst, were to be used for educa. Kent — with a fountain based

and public enjoyment. The house was built in 1893 for the coal and shipping mil-lionaire John Cory, and the 55 acre gardens were designed 10 years later by the landscape architect Thomas Mawson, working with Cory's son

Their design remains virtu-ally unchanged. The two men tonred Europe, importing ideas and ornaments.

The gardens were laid out as a series of green rooms walled with topiary — years before the more famous "out-

Father died helping daughter in pub brawl

received no assault injury which would have contrib-

Two girls, one of them

his daughter, received slight injuries in the distur-

bance outside the pub and

we are trying to get together details of what led to those assaults."

Sgt Dennis, of Thames Valley police, said: "We will piece together what:

appened and sort out

uted to his death.

and host numerous outdoor events, including concerts

and plays.

The house will be handed over to the Welsh Residuary Body to find a new tenant. · A study in the latest issue of the Museums Journal found widespread fear of the

reorganisation among local authority museums and inde-pendent museums which ums are particularly worried. Glasgow's face cuts of almost

have received council grants. Welsh and Scottish muse-

and a canal filled with water | proposed, and the museum education department is in line for savage curs. The North is also seriously

affected. Hull museums propose closing for one day a week and imposing admission charges on non-resident

Museums in Bath and Bristol are facing big budget cuts and a negatorium on filling vacant positions

Buckinghamshire is among the worst hit country in the South-east. The museum at Aylesbury, which reopened after resovation last year, is set to lose 20 per cent of its

### **Drugs 'planted'** Leeds mugging death sparks 'spy' cameras dispute

Councillors concerned as minister calls for closed circuit TV in wake of fatal inner city attack

Martin Wainwright on views of CCTV

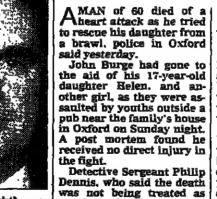


LANS to install a closed circuit TV system in the Leeds inner city area of Chapeltown — where war veteran Stefan Popovich died of a heart attack after being dragged from his car — have been given fresh impetus by

the attack.

Junior Home Office minister Timothy Kirkhope, whose Leeds NE constituency in pesses to the attack on Mr Popovich from his Lead but two Chapter Shire police appealed for with the pensioner. Who appears to have lost his way to a doubts





cludes the area, called for the rapid installation of a £300,000 scheme he has backed under the Government's City Chal-

lenge competition.
"Had it been in place there is a strong possibility one camera would have assisted

John Burge had gone to the aid of his 17-year-old daughter Belen. and another girl, as they were assaulted by youths outside a pub near the family's house in Oxford on Sunday night. A post mortem found he received no direct injury in the fight.
Detective Sergeant Philip
Dennis, who said the death

Detective Sergeant Philip charges once that has hap others in the group, according the market of the pened. Because the heart ing to witnesses. He then was not being treated as murder, added: "The post the stress, we are still in-

have "strong leads" in the hunt for a pale-skinned Afro-Caribbean youth with a "pine apple" haircut who dragged Mr Popovich from his Lada

povich, aged 74, who came to Britain after fighting Nazis in his native Yugoslavia.

Detectives confirmed they street as he tried to stop the thief driving away his car.

Mr Kirkhope's backing for CCTV has been joined by police and Leeds city council, but two ward councillors in Chapeltown and other com-munity leaders have voiced

One of them, Garth Frank land, a long-serving member of Leeds's ruling group, said yesterday: "It would be wrong to rush this ... We are not against CCTV, but it is essential it is seen as part of the Chapeltown community

and not something imposed

door and be came to help."
Mr Burge, who had a
heart bypess operation six
years ago, struggled to help
his daughter but was

punched to the floor by

mortem revealed Mr Burge | vestigating the events lead-received no assault injury ing up to the incident." He added: "None of this will bring Mr Popovich back or The pub's manager. Sally bring Mr Popovich back or Hendy, 31, said: "It was prevent another murder next week. But we have to grasp kicking out time. Two young girls were punched by a group of lads and girls, the nettle on some of these social issues." and one went to get the father from the house next

stalled with full consultation so Chapeltown people feel it is

to protect them and not spy

Mr Popovich, a retired bus driver, was attacked in a sidestreet after missing a turning in an area be frequently visited from his home in Old-ham, Greater Manchester, to

visit Serbian friends. He was a well known member of Britain's Serbian community, which yesterday joined his wife Dragica. 65, in appealing for help in catching the killer. The couple met in a refugeo camp in postwar Germany and came to Britain with only £1, building a successful life in their adopted borne.

Mrs Popovich said: "We

were so happy here and we had so many English friends. We have a lovely family and two sons we are so proud of," Mr Kirkhope said CCTV could be introduced next Neil Taggart, another month if the City Challenge Labour councillor for the bid were successful.

### **Tories hope to see tide turning** in damage limitation exercise

Patrick Wintour on Government's hopes to keep Labour to a 3,000-5,000 majority in Thursday's Staffordshire byelection

HE Conservative Party is hoping to restrict the size of an expected Labour victory in Thursday's Staffordshire South East byelection to a majority of be-tween 3,000 to 5,000 and then claim it as the first clear sign that the anti-Government tide

is receding.
The size of the Labour majority will depend on the turn-out which is expected to be relatively high despite the

The Conservatives are likely to argue a Labour majority below 10,000 shows that Mr Major's Government has turned the corner since the nearby Dudley West byelec-tion in December 1994 when Labour secured a 20,694 ma-jority. It would be delighted by any defeat and 5.000 votes.

their big guns today as the Labour leader Tony Blair makes his third visit for an evening question and answer session. The Deputy Prime Minister, Michael Heseltine. will whip up the faithful at a more traditional rally. Tory strategists, inured to huge byelection swings against the Government, are privately looking for signs that its intensive campaign

has reaped rewards. Conservative Central Office has tried to inject some new edge into its campaigning by drafting in Alan Duncan, the energetic parliamentary pri-vate secretary to party chair-man Bryan Mawhinney. Mr Duncan, an astute cam-paigner, has been in the con-



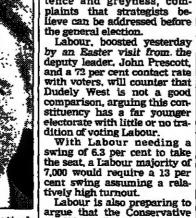
Alan Duncan ... rather than defence

tracks but has little positive to say about the Government's record.

Labour secured a 20,694 maority. It would be delighted
by any defeat between 3,000
und 5,000 votes.

The parties are despatching

The conservatives are happy that the anti-Government bile that dominated so many by elections has subsided into a general dislike of the Government's incompe-



argue that the Conservative candidate, Jimmy James, believed that the seat could be won at the outset of the campaign, so preventing the majority crumbling.

Even Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, last week told shoppers: "Jimmy James should be the first beneficiary of the growing feelgood factor". The words are likely to haunt him.

#### Ashdown attacks 'Tory tax con' tence and greyness, com-The Conservatives are de-

Patrick Wintour on Lib Dem drive for national victory

HE LIBERAL Democrat leader, Paddy Ashdown, yesterday urged his par-ty's local election candidates to turn May 2 into a spring-board for the general election by consolidating their place as the second party of local

In a letter trailing the key themes of his party's cam-paign, Mr Ashdown urged Lib Dem councillors and candi-dates to convince yours that they were paying for income tax cuts with council tax rises and cuts in council budgets.

and cuts in council budgets.

"It is not easy trying to square the circle of this annual Conservative con trick," he wrote.

"The sterling effort of local councillors of all parties in setting budgets over the last council of ware her agrees. couple of years has never been given the recognition it deserves."

fending about 1,000 seats. If predictions that they will lose 500 seats prove correct, their tally will hit a record low.

However. Central Office hopes that better results in byelections since last autumn will be a trend confirmed in pert month's your

next month's vote. The Tories can hardly do worse than last year, when their national share fell to 25 per cent and set the current record low. They lost more than 2,000 seats mainly to Labour, which gained 1,848 seats, more than three times its previous record. The Lib Dems gained 500 seats. It was the first time since 1990 that the Lib Dems had

made fewer net gains than Labour, but Mr Ashdown's party still ended up with 5.043 councillors to the Tories 4,985. It controlled 55 councils, against the Tories' 31.

Most seats being contested this year are those won in 1992, which was a month after John Major's general election victory and a very good local

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**News** in brief

### Missing schoolgirl found safe

A MISSING schoolgirl, Deo Adebayo, was found safe yesterday at a railway station less than a mile from her home. The station manager at Dartford, Kent, alerted police when he recognised the 15-year-old. Police said she was returning home voluntarily.

Detective Sergeant Driscoll at Dartford police station said: "We do not yet have any idea why she ran away and it is too early to say where she has been."

Police had become increasingly concerned for her safety, using divers to search a river and bringing in a helicopter. Detectives were interviewing the girl's family at her home in

Dartford when news of her return came through.

She disappeared at 7pm last Thursday after leaving home to visit a nearby shop to buy flour for baking on Good Friday. It was thought that she might have been upset over a poor school

#### Slimming pills may be banned

MINISTERS are considering banning some alimming pills, the Department of Health said yesterday after reports of a confidential document linking the amphetamine-based drugs with 15

A Department of Health spokeswoman refused to comment on the leaked report which also claims hundreds of patients have suffered serious mental and physical side-effects.

But she said: "Following a consultation period and hearings by the Medicines Commission, ministers are considering the ques-tion of whether slimming pills need to be banned. The commission's advice is now with ministers and we are expecting a

#### Toxic cloud closes M1

THE M1 motorway was closed for more than two hours and people were advised to stay indoors yesterday after a toxic yellow cloud of nitric acid gas escaped from an industrial plant. Firefighters dealt with the incident, described by police as an "accidental venting" of gas, at Global Environmental Services in the Blackburn Meadows area of Sheffield.

The motorway was closed at junction 34, with a diversion set up, and railway services were halted for a time as emergency services waited for the gas cloud, which was at a high level, to

"We were considerably helped by the fact that it was a bank holiday and traffic was very light. It would have been very difficult on a normal Monday morning," said a police

#### Alien beach 'challenge'

THE North of England's toughest tourist challenge is looking for a single-minded promoter. Limitless imagination heads the list of qualities demanded for

the holder of the new post, who will start work on a beach so black and ominous that it was used for the opening sequences of the

"It's a huge challenge," said Michael Jones of Durham county council, which is hiring the manager for a £10 million Milennium Commission project to clean up the county's shoreline. "Our hope is that, in time, people will be coming to spend holidays again on

The commission's Turning the Tide project aims to transform the 12-mile stretch by 2001, when the whole shoreline is planned to become a national nature reserve. — Martin Wainwright

#### Fish and chips world record

MORE than 12,000 Australians quaued at Harry Ramaden's fish restaurant in Melbourne to break the world record for fish and chips served in a day, the company said yesterday. Customers queued for helf a mile to sample what Egon Ronay calls Britain's most distinctive contribution to world cuisine

The first portions were sold at 7.45am on Good Friday and customers went on to work their way through nearly two tons of haddock specially imported from the UK, a company spoke

The Australians beat the record of 11,900 portions set in 1992 by Harry Ramsden's Glasgow chippie, according to the Guinne

#### Bank holiday taken too far

A bank was yesterday reviewing security arrangements after staff left one of its branches unlocked. A woman customer walked into Barclays in Muswell Hill north London, at 10.50am on Good Friday to find it deserted. To add to the bank's embarrassment, the alarm system linking the

building to police was not switched on. The customer dialled 99. Police arrived to find everything intact. Barclays said: "There are rigorous procedures laid down for closing banks at the end of each day and we will be looking at

### Ill-health retirements at record Education used as 'political football' Doubts on Labour plans

## Teachers 'papering cracks'

Donald MacLeed and John Carvel

EACHERS are suffering stress as they paper over the cracks in education change, underfunding and politicians' attempts to "outdo each other", a teachers' leader said yesterday. Peter Cole, president of the National Associaton of Schoolmasters Union of Women Teachers, was appliated for attacks on both Labour and Conservative hypocrisy over schools in his speech to the union's annual

Members of the union, which hopes to overtake the National Union of Teachers as the largest teachers' body in the coming year, appear deeply sceptical that a Tony Blair-led government would solve the problems of work-

they say have produced re- ment's education changes, ill-cord levels of ill-health health retirements had been

the Conservatives "made edu-cation a political football", schools had faced a series of changes to the curriculum, testing and funding, said Mr Cole. These had not improved children's education.

"Teachers have secured what successes there have been in spite of the imposed educational instability, constant change and turmoil

about them," he said.
"A recent disturbing development is the way in which the Labour Party has been drawn into the same and now appears to out-Tory the Tories. Teachers feel politi-cians are looking to make careers out of bringing chaos to education."

Schools were also coping with rising violence as society became more polarised, while teachers faced larger classes. Before the Govern-

pled to more than 6,000. "There has been a cost to the teaching profession, try-ing to provide pupils with the best education possible in the face of enormous odds which the educational policies of the last decade or so have persis-tently lengthened," Mr Cole

running at about 1,500 a year. Last year they had quadru-

He was applauded when he attacked the decision by Har-riet Harman, Labour's health spokeswoman, to send her son to a grant maintained grammar school, as hypocritical. Delegates to the NUT's con-

ference in Cardiff reflected Mr Cole's comments. Jacque Hitchcock, who does supply teaching in Faversham, Kent, said she found it hard to tell the party positions apart.
"There is very little positive coming from any of them. I want to see a lot of change. I want more funding to put more teachers in the classroom, more good teachers with more resources. I have done supply teaching in classes where each book had to be shared between three

pupils," she said. Marlon Shirley, a 40-yearold English teacher in a Maidenhead secondary school, said she wanted to see Labour put its funding commitments in writing, to offer teachers assurance that they would be able to educate children in classes of a decent size and that crumbling buildings would be replaced.

Rob Ketley, a 43-year-old languages teacher in a Reading comprehensive, blamed the Conservatives for not explaining the damaging effects of selection, league tables and unfair advantages given to grant maintained schools.

David Blunkett, the shadow education secretary, had said there should be enough 'adults" to reduce class sizes, instead of promising extra teachers. That suggested Labour might use more classroom assistants.

"I welcome their commitment to a building pro-gramme, but I still don't understand how it will be funded. If they cannot make private financing work, they NASUWT conference delegates heard that the odds against must raise taxation to pay for good education were lengthening PHOTOGRAPH: JEFF MORGAN II," Mr Ketley said.

#### Where the parties stand



system. A white paper in June will say schools should control their own. admissions policy, possibly choosing up to 100 per cent?

Opting Out Wants to make it sesser for state schools to opt out of local authority control: John Major's goal is to give all schools self-governing grant maintelned status.

Resources
Claims to have boosted
school-budgets by 4.7 per
cent this year, but opposition parties say this can only be done by starving other collinois services. Denies class sizes

Private schools Pladges to double the assisted places potential which pays for bright children from poor bornes to attending fee-peying schools, widening, eligibility to include pupils and young es 5.

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Selection Says no to selection by examination or intervie Fate of remaining 160 decided by ballots of parents in their catchment areas.

**Opting Out** Treading carefully because Tony Blair and Harriet Harman have sons at GM schools. Would let them with admissions policy agreed with local authorities.

Resources Unspectfic on spending total, but promises to cut class sizes for under-7s to a maximum of 30, using £110 million saved from abolishing the assisted places scheme.

Private schools Abolish the assisted places scheme and discuss with independent schools how opened up to the commu No proposals for changing their tax privileges.

Pre-school Says vouchers will not help in areas lacking nursery places. Promises free entit nursery education for all



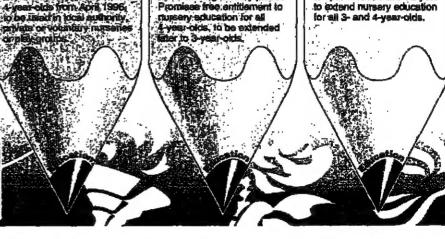
Selection Opposes more selection. Local should be left do decide remaining grammar schools.

Opting Out Opposes GM status. All opted out schools to be brought back under light-touch local authority control, getting the same treatment as other state

Resources Promises a £2 billion incree in education spending, paid for it necessary by a 1p increase in the rate of income tax. Plus £500 million extra for

Private schools Will consider abolishing the assisted places scheme. Proposals to extend ndependent schools charitable status to all schools to be debated at autumn

Pre-school Opposes vouchers. Promise to spend £900 million a year



### Arson attack at primary school in state of siege

John Carvei Education Editor

HEAD teacher told last night how her primary school was put in a state of slege for six weeks, culminating in an arson attack on Easter Sunday.

Judith Elderkin, aged 52, had told the National Union of Teachers conference in Cardiff that she had been stoned and taunted after com-

ing forward as a witness to the theft of a radio from a coleague's car at Marlborough Road primary school in Salford, Greater Manchester. Her case was highlighted at

the conference when Doug McAvoy, the general secre-tary, said it showed the need for stronger measures to protect schools and teachers after the murder of Philip Lawrence, the west London head teacher, and the massa-cre in Dunblane.

Sunday evening a guard was taunted by youngsters. After he went back into the school building, lighted material was put in through the windows.
The roof of the nursery and infant school had been dam-

aged and the premises were looded with the water which put out the fire. About 100 puoils would need emergency accommodation when the new term starts next week. "I don't think my experi- prit we were put under some | was well guarded.

Mrs Elderkin said that on | ence is unique. Similar inci- | pressure. On the following | dents go unreported and this one would have been if it had not been for the arson attack" she said

Mrs Elderkin said security was not a problem at her inner city school which has 480 pupils in two buildings until she and two other mem bers of staff came forward as witnesses to the car vandalism.

"Having identified the cul-

weekend 39 high-level win-dows were kicked in, showering glass into the school." Every box of books in the infants' department was sprayed in glass and the staff

feared further reprisals. Mrs Elderkin said the local education authority sent security guards at a cost of £1,800 a week and she was confident when she left for the conference that her school

ter fence, eight gates to the site and 15 entry and exit under stress because of known hostility towards teachers not to have the maxi-

Mr McAvoy said the union was not suggesting that the people who committed the arson attack were those involved in the earlier episodes

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### New cancer test 'could save 1,000 lives a year'

Avirus to the existing cervical screening proa year, scientists said yesterday.

Researchers from the Impe rial Cancer Research Fund and co-ordinators of the national cervical screening programme who have reviewed the scheme say it prevents nearly half potential ases of the cancer.

boards, aimed to see if it was feasible routinely to asses the amount of cancer prevented by screening - and to dentify areas where it could be improved.

Peter Sasieni, research scientist at the ICRF's statistics and epidemiology depart-ment, said: "The basic screening programme is working well and mortality is falling more rapidly than ever be-fore. We estimate that if it cal cancer each year in Brit-The doctors, who used fig- 1992 would have been 75 per

ures for 1992 taken from 24 cent higher — which should potential to prevent 1,250 of mer chairman of the co-ordinal health authorities and health reassure women of the value those. of regular screening."

The ICRF is supporting the addition to the routine

looked at the screening histories of 348 women with cervical cancer, compared to 677 healthy women. Based on the results it is estimated that screening prevented between 1,100 and 3,900 cases of cervical cancer in 1992 alone.

Rowever, there are still screening programme has the

The ICRF is supporting the screening programme of an extra test for a virus, known as HPV, which is believed to play a role in triggering the cancer. It is estimated this test could save an additional 500 to 1,000 lives a year. Jack Cuzick, head of the ICRF's statistics and epidemi-

ology department, said: "We need to develop new ap-proaches if we are to make hadn't been for screening, the ish women under the age of further strides towards eliminamount of cervical cancer in 70, and the study suggests the nating this disease." Elaine Lynch-Farmery, for-

it feasible routinely to audit the screening programme and nationally.

There were 1,369 deaths from cervical cancer in England and Wales in 1994 - but during the 1970s the figure was above 2,000. The target for the programme is to reduce deaths to below 1,000. Currently 85 per cent of women eligible for the programme are coming foward to be screened, although in some inner city areas fewer than 50

### Record flights abroad for Easter break

Alex Belles

passengers passing through ing trips and rugby tours Gatwick up 15 per cent on last were also popular.

He said: "Next weekend is

Almost I millton people will travel through Gatwick, London's second largest airport in the Easter fortnight, with 2 million using Heathrow. Gatwick's duty manager.

Keith Booker, said yesterday that the favourite destinations were the United States HE Easter break has the Caribbean, and Spanish seen record numbers of and Mediterranean resorts, people fly abroad, with although short breaks for ski-

> the peak, with 83,000 expected to pass through the terminals on Saturday and 87,000 on

A spokesman for Heathrow said 150,000 people passed

through yesterday. The busi- coasts of England. Scotland, | 5.000 vehicles an hour leaving est day over Easter was and Ireland, with temperal the West Country and Wales Thursday, with 165,000 people. The most popular des-tinations were Florida, the Far East, Eilat on the Red Sea, and Turkey

atlantic Gatwick flights to be diverted to Birmingham, Stansted, and elsewhere.

The long weekend ended yesterday with the mildest day of the year so far in many areas, particularly on the east The AA reported more than

tures in the low 60s Fahrenheit in some parts. Belfast reached 63 degrees. Eastern parts were ex-

pected to be mild again today, but a Weather Centre spokes-man warned that rain was lowed by cooler weather by the weekend.

— double the normal week-end load — causing conges-tion eastbound on the M4 and northbound on the M5.

In the North, traffic on the M55 was nose-to-tail south-bound as thousands of people But the motoring organisations said that, as children



In the Commons, ministers of the crown read rapidly from scripts prepared for them by some Wykehamist in their private office, pausing only to scratch their private parts. This ensures that no hostages are offered up to fortune. Julian Critchley

# Seoul orders troops to shoot first

RESIDENT Kim oung-sam ordered South Korea's military commanders yesterday to "im-mediately repel any provocation" by North Korea, as op-ponents accused his ruling party of exploiting tension to increase support in the elections on Thursday. South Korean soldiers have

been told to open fire on any North Korean troops who cross into the southern half of a demilitarized buffer zone which slices through the

The order, reported last night by South Korea's Yon-

policy of issuing warnings before shooting. It also sig-nals Seoul's determination to halt what Mr Kim yesterday condemned as Pyongyang's reckless provocations"

Such acts, Mr Kim told the generals in command of South Korea's 650,000 troops, could no longer be tolerated. North Korea sent armed soldiers into the joint secu-rity area at Pannunjom on three consecutive days from Friday. None appears to have penetrated the southern half of the zone, which lies only 30 miles from the South Korean

Just as Chinese missile tests helped Taiwan's incum-bent president to a landslide victory two weeks ago, the in-

news agency, overturns a cursions into Panmunjom ley of issuing warnings have lifted the fortunes of President Kim's scandal-tainted administration.

Beijing and Pyongyang are no longer as close as "lips and teeth", a pledge under which they fought together in the 1950-53 Korean War, but they still share a contempt for elections — and a flair for misjudging the dynamics of

emocracy.

Mr Kim summoned his generals to an emergency con-clave yesterday — and invited television cameras to film the meeting. He has seized on the crisis to wrong-foot his politi-cals foes before the election. Until Pyongyang declared the 1953 armistice defunct last Thursday and sent soldiers

on brief excursions into Pan-

#### US dismisses invasion threat

PRESIDENT Bill Clinton | the White House said and the South Korean | pesterday. president, Kim Young-sam, will discuss the tension in Korea at a meeting next week, but the United States sees no imminent threat of invasion from the North,

thing that indicates an of-fensive build-up that implies hostilities of that nature," its spokesman said.—Reuter. munjom. South Korea's media had focused on the ar-rest of one of Mr Kim's advicould inflame the crisis. An American military spokes-man described North Korea's incursions as "exclamation points" along a "tense, dirty, nasty" demilitarised zone.

South Korea's joint chief of

sers for bribe-taking and on the debate that followed the death of a student during an anti-government protest. The United States has tried to play down the risk of conflict, fearing that South

Korea's domestic politics

an escalation of tension in case it upsets a scheduled visit to Seoul next week by yesterday. "We haven't seen any-

Mr Clinton is seen as the main target of North Korea's belligerence. North Kores hopes to pressure Washing ton into negotiating a forma peace treaty to replace the 1953 truce, a task the US insists should be done by Seoul and Pyongyang.

So far, however, North Korea's diplomatic objectives have have been over-shadowed by the political fallout from its brinkmanship. South Korea's joint chief of Before Pyongyang pushed staff, Kim Dong-jin, met the national security to the can-American commander Gary tre of South Korea's election campaign, the ruling New

Washington is keen to avoid danger of losing its majority an escalation of tension in Thursday's vote. Opinion case it upsets a scheduled polls conducted before the incursions showed a quarter of the electorate undecided. "I don't understand why

North Korea helps the ruling party at each election," said Chang Eul-byung, leader of the opposition liberal Demo-cratic Party, Revulsion at Pyongyang's bombing of a South Korean passenger plane in 1987 helped secure victory a few weeks later for Roh Tae-woo, a former gen-eral since arrested on charges

of taking bribes. A South Korean newspaper cartoon yesterday showed North Korean soldiers as campaign workers cheering on Mr Kim's party. North Korea's actions

damaged opposition politicians who favour a more con-ciliatory approach towards Pyongyang Among those who will probably suffer are allies of Kim Dae-jung, a one-time dissident vilified by South Korea's military in the past as a pro-Pyongyang left-

in another blast of rhetoric likely to rally support behind South Korea's ruling party. Pyongyang accused Seoul yes-terday of preparing to launch an attack in caboots the US. "The South Korean puppets must know that if they regard

the North's warning as empty talk and display war hyster-ics, they will face an irrevoca-ble disaster." thundered Pyongyang's official news-paper Rodong Sinmum.

#### News in brief

### Turkish forces 'kill 90 Kurd guerrillas'

TURKISH security forces have killed 90 Kurdish guerrillas in the south-east of the country in clashes in which 27 soldiers also died, the Anatolian news agency said yesterday. The fighting took place in the mountainous north of the province of Diyarbakir and in the nearby Bingol province. The agency did not say

Fighting between security forces and Kurdistan Workers'
Party (PKK) rebels has increased recently despite a unilateral
guerrilla ceasefire four months ago. The deputy prime minister, Nahit Mentese, said that 64 PKK fighters were killed in Diyarbakir province but it was not clear if they were part of the same death toll. — Reuter, Ankara.

#### **UN team enters Ogoniland**

A UNITED NATIONS team turned its attention yesterday to Nigeria's volatile Ogoniland, a major focus of its mission to investigate the execution of nine minority rights activists, including the writer Ken Saro-Wiwa. The four-man team has left for Port

Harcourt, capital of the south-eastern Rivers State of which Ogoniland is a part, on a three-day visit.

The local authorities and Ogoni minority rights activists have exchanged accusations about human rights abuses there. John Kpalan, a co-ordinator of the Movement for the Survival of Ogoni Peoples, said the accurity forces arrested 19 people, including Peoples, said the security forces arrested 19 people, including women, on Sunday. But Fidelis Agbiki, press secretary to the military administrator, denied this. "Some people are trying to cause trouble in the name of Ogoni, but we are on the look-out for

#### Colombo takes extra powers

THE Sri Lankan government extended a state of emergency nationwide yesterday to give itself the power to postpone local elections, a member of the ruling People's Alliance coalition said. "The opposition will love this." the alliance MP said. "It means they don't have to test themselves at the polls and they can criticise the government [for pulling out of the democratic

The Speaker of parliament said President Chandrika Kumaraemergency. Local elections are due by June. The state of emergency, in effect in Colombo and the north and east for a year, give the police and armed forces wide powers of detention and arrest and allows the president to make regulations. - Regier. Colombo

#### Cohens mass for prayer

THOUSANDS of Jews named Cohen held Passover prayers yesterday at the Western Wall in Jerusalem (right), while a group of about 40 extremists tried to push their way into a Hundreds of police and

soldiers stood guard as ("priest" in Hebrew) performed the triannual blessing of the Jewish people. The Cohens are considered of the second Jewish Temple. lestroyed in the first century, of which the wall is the last remnant, and have special obligations. — AP, Jerusalem



#### Flushed with grace

THE cleanliness of Singapore's public toilets and its people's ability to sing and appreciate good music are markers of progress towards a more gracious society, according to the prime minister,

He was quoted by the Straits Times newspaper as saying it would take 15 to 20 years to make Singapore more gracious, "to complement what we continue to do on the economic side". He said the environment ministry, which conducted a survey of public toilets four years ago, would do so every four to five years, to gauge how far social behaviour and concern for public property had improved. Reuter, Singapore.



Luck to discuss North Korea's

violations of the armistice. Korea Party appeared to be in

One-way . . . Streets are named after Marx and Lenin, but the West Bengal government is accused of betraying workers Photograph: PABLO BARTHOLOMEN

### Mills idle as West Bengal turns right

Suzanne Goldenberg reports from Phuleswar Junction on hardship brought by market forces to a communist-ruled state

Sare idle now, but for 25 years they transformed the pulpy stalks of the jute plant into money. Winding. shovelling waste: a lifetime in the mills of West Bengal

In a state where an elected Communist government has ruled for 19 years, you could workers at Kanoria Jute Industries to lead a comfortable enough existence, respected for their hard work.

Jute, indigo, tea: these were the commodities on which an empire was built, and Bengal unionists say the hulking white mill, between the Ganges and the mainline railway, is part of a history of

Kanoria remains the stuff of legend, although of a more tragic kind. Two years ago the workers revolted against the workers revolted against attempts to cut their pay. When a rail blockade failed, they threw out the management and declared they would run the mill on their own. They promised free canteens. cradle-to-grave medical care,

UJIT GHORAU'S hands enced workers were taking are idle now, but for 25 home.

Farmers drifted in from nearby villages, marvelling at the bravery of the Kanoria workers; peasant woman gave their jewellery to the relief fund and Calcutta's intellectuals held solidarity meetings. But after a week, the Calcutta high court ordered the mill to close, and ever since it has limped from crisis to crisis, with go-slows, lay-offs and closures. The mill has been closed since January, locking

on it for their living.
This week the workers' was the largest producer of leaders start their fifth hun-jute in the world. Trade ger strike to try to force the mill to reopen. They also hope to capture the attention of the Communist Party of India (Marxist) chief minister, Jyoti Basu, who they believe has turned his back on the industrial working class.

The workers say their trade union, which is affiliated to the CPI(M), has also betrayed them, and they have joined a new organisation with Maoist

When the Communists were first elected, they under-took India's most ambitious and a rise in the 900 rupees land reforms, then gave the (£17) a month that experinewly enfranchised peasants

a voice by introducing *pan-*chayats — elected councils. But in 1994 the state govern ment launched a new indus-trial policy, declaring its allegiance to the market reforms that the rest of India had embraced a few years earlier courting foreign

West Bengal's embrace of capitalism is testimony to the overriding will of Mr Basu, aged 82, who is held in such awe here that he was able to ignore the grumblings of tra-ditional elements in the party. Mr Basu, who won his first election victory 50 years ago in the last legislative as-sembly under colonial rule, says he always wanted to bring industry to West Bengal, but was previously ob-structed by central govern-ment bureaucracy.

There are other ready explanations for the apparent transformation of leftwing ideology. "Without industry, capitalism cannot be developed and without full defend oped, and without full-fledged development of capitalism, how will socialism be devel oped?" said Anil Biswas, edi tor of Ganashakti, the party newspaper. "We shall never sacrifice the cause of the working class, but they must be responsible and improve production and capacity.

Virtually everyone expects returned to power in next

the huge rural vote, and to the I firms which he says are about middle classes who are appreciative of a government that has exhibited little of the craven lust for money that has characterised politics in northern India, and acted to tem religious violence.

Twenty years ago Calcutta was the city where nobody worked. Maoist rebels waged war in the countryside, and when workers downed tools,

'Industries were nationalised at the drop of a hat. Workers felt that they lost nothing by being militant'

the government looked on benignly.
"They took industry as a class war, with the industrial-ists representing the bourgeois and the workers representing the proletariat. Industries were nationalised at the drop of a hat, and the signal went out to workers that they lost nothing by being militant," said J.P.

Chowdhary, chairman of a steel company.

to set up shop in West Bengal claiming that the state had attracted up to 41 billion rupees (£790 million) in foreign investment by August 1995, the second largest share of any state after Maharashtra.

However, businessmen say the figures are based only on signed memorandums of understanding that have yet to be translated into action. Moreover, Mr Basu appears

of the industries on which West Bengal was built. The jute industry has been in slow decline for the last 50 years, as the traditional

replaced by plastics.
The new jute mill owners,
who bought in as the factories were going under, seem more concerned with extracting the last profits from a dying industry than in investing in the new plant that could save it. Many have skimmed off workers' pension funds and used the threat of permanent closure to tame the unions.

West Bengal now has 5 million registered unemployed. Eleven of the state's 60 jute mills are shut, along with cotton and other factories. "Why should we lament a decaying industry when we can develop it? Why do we have to have new industry

Mr Basu's government to be returned to power in next to believe the about-face has month's state and general paid off. Mr Chakrabarti reels elections, thanks largely to off a list of multinational at Kanoria.

### Quebec saviour tested by cuts

Claire Trevens in Toronto

UEBEC'S popular sepa-ratist leader. Lucien Bouchard, is hoping that his image as the prov-ince's most favoured son will still shine despite the bitter conomic message he utters constantly.

It is six months since the separatists narrowly lost the referendum on sovereignty and three months since Mr Bouchard left his job as oppo-sition leader to be acclaimed leader of the Parti Québecols and head of the Quebec government. The honeymoon with the voters, who clearly adore him, may soon be over.

According to Mr Bouchard, separation from the Canadian federation is still the raison d'être of the Parti Québecois - but to reach that goal the province must first have a

So the tough words which have rung out from the federal government and the other provinces over the last three years — "we have to cut the deficit" — now echo

across Quebec. The latest government spending figures for next year show a \$1.17 billion drop (2580 million). But the estimated deficit for the financial year just ended reaches

\$3.9 billion. As many as 5,000 jobs are likely to go when the Bouchard squeeze hits the health service; social welfare has al-ready been cut. The province has an official jobless rate of almost 11 per cent, so any con-traction in the economy is going to be watched carefully

and felt painfully. There are plans to cut the transport budget; more than \$2 million will be taken out of the courts system; six jails are to be shut. Prison guards are already warning of strikes if the jail closure plan goes ahead; Mr Bouchard can only hope that his charisma will prevent other protests when the cuts come.

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"What's sure is that he can't go anywhere but down from now on. Mr Bouchard was never really under attack and now it will start," a polling organision said. What Mr Bouchard is

counting on is that his popu-larity as the saviour and modern personification of a sepa-rate Quebec will carry him and his party through. He has said there will be another referendum on sovereignty, but not until around 1999. But he is already having to reassure voters that the dream of independence, which supporters came within 1 per cent of realising

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Exiles' schism boosts Saudis

### **Dudayev** blames 'third force'

David Hearst in Moscow

S RUSSIAN forces, oblivious to President Boris Yeltsin's ceasefire declaration. closed in on rebels holding three towns in southern Che-chenia yesterday, the Che-chen separatist leader Dzhokhar Dudayev accused the president's closest advisers of sabotaging last week's peace

In his first response to the proposal, General Dudayev blamed a "red-brown" alliance of Russian political leaders for the continued military onslaught against Chechen villagers.

Gen Dudayev named a be-Gen Dudayev named a bewildering range of political
and military figures, most of
whom have opposed the Chechenia campaign, as the men
responsible for the carnage.
His list included the Moscow
mayor, Yuri Luzhkov; the
deputy defence minister, Boris Gromov; the nationalist
politician and general Alexander Lebed; and the former
Soviet president Mikhail
Gorbachev.

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Gorbachev. Gen Dudayev sald this "third force" of Russian nationalists, to which Mr Gromov and Gen Lebed belong, was behind the bombing of villages which had signed up to the peace deal. He also accused them of organising assassination attempts on the former head of Russian forces General Anatoli Romanov, and the president's represen-tative in Chechenia, Oleg

He said they had "openly discredited" Mr Yeltsin's decree to stop fighting and begin talks mediated by the presidents of Kazakhstan and

On Saturday Mr Yeltsin sent a telegram to Gen Du-dayev declaring: "In line with my decree, regular checks have shown that military activities by the federal forces have stopped. You will no longer find that our forces have initiated military adventisely anywhere." turism anywhere."

the Russian forces in Che-chenia are under the presideut's control

Russian military commanders in Chechenia have consis-tently warned that fighting would not stop immediately, and reserved the right to hot pursuit, or "special opera-tions" to dissolve "bandit armed formations" armed formations".

The chief warmonger is Lieutenant-General Vyacheslav Tikhomirov, the joint commander of the Russian forces. He is determined to press home the advantage his troops have achieved in a two-month offensive which has pushed Chechen forces back to their mountain

Russian commanders are keen to avoid the mistakes made a year ago after Mr Chernomyrdin called a halt to the military offensive. Direct negotiations with Gen Du-dayev's top commanders led to a military and political stalemate and allowed the rebels to leave the mountains

and return to their villages. Yesterday the siege of three towns continued: Vedeno, in the foothills, which is loyal to the governilla fighter Shamil Basayev; Dargo; and Gols-koye, south of the regional capital Grozny. Fighting has been inten-sive, with Russlans saying more than 30 soldiers were

killed and 67 wounded on Fri day in Goiskoye alone. Since Mr Yeltsin called a halt to the fighting on March 31, aeria bombardments of villages have continued, which Russian forces have denied carry

ing out.

More than a week after launching his initiative, Mr
Yeltsin will begin tomorrow the politically humiliating process of meeting his top se-curity officials to discuss how to implement his plan. The nationalities minister, Vyacheslav Mikhailov, said Mr Yeltsin would meet members of a newly-appointed Che-chenia commission headed by

Mr Chernomyrdin. Mr Mikhailov told a news conference yesterday that the These comments, and a statement on Sunday by the Russian prime minister, Viktor Chernomyrdin, calling for Mr Yeltsin's plan to be implemented by everyone, have called into question whether

### Muslim in hiding for nine months

A Bosnian on the run in Serb territory has finally reached

safety, writes Samir Arnaut in Frkici

ASAN ORIC, a Bos-nian Muslim on the run after the Serb conquest of Srebrenica, hid in hostile territory for nine months before he heard the Bosnia peace deal had been

He is one of six Muslim men from Srebrenica, for-merly a UN-protected "safe area", who ended a harrowing odyssey by entering the Bosnian government city of Tuzla on Saturday. Yesterday he and his fam-

ily were given a temporary home in the village of

When I reached the police station in Kalesija on the government side of easefire line east of Tuzla] I still couldn't believe I was in our free territory," said Mr Oric, who is 43 but looks 20 years older. His wife, Tija, added: 'I

There was no food, water or wood. Those nine months seemed like nine years'

mourned him as dead a thousand times. I held my hopes until the new year and then I was certain he was dead. When I saw him on television yesterday I simply couldn't believe it." About 8,000 Muslim men from Srebrenica are unaccounted for since separatist Serb forces overran the eastern government en-clave of 40,000 people last July. Many are believed to have been taken prisoner and murdered or shot dead in rural ambushes by soldiers under the Serb commander General Ratko Mladic. Their bodies were buildozed into mass graves. Mr Oric said he saw many

skeletons and human bones in the woods on his way examining suspect through the mountains to graves. — Reuter.

Tuzla. "The largest number of bones was in Kamenica near Bratunac, where the biggest ambush took

place," he said. After Srebrenica was cap-tured, Bosnia's war continued for a further three months. In December the Muslims, Croats and Serbs signed the Dayton peace

decided to go to Tuzla. I knew of the Dayton peace deal because I listened to the radio I had with me.

That was crucial in our de-cision." Mr Oric said. It was his second attempt to reach the governmen stronghold 50 miles northwest of Srebrenica.

"When Srebrenica fell we first headed towards Tuzla and were soon ambushed near Kamenica. We scat-tered amid shooting. Many of us were killed. I saw at least 100 men fall dead there," he said.

He escaped but was later captured by Serbs. "They were going to kill me when a group of our [escaping] soldiers opened fire on them," he said. During the skirmish he fled. He found a hollow tree and hid there

for two days.

After attempts to cross Bosnian Serb lines failed he headed for his native village, Lehovice, on the out-skirts of Srebrenics, in mid-August. He spent the next eight months there. He was joined by five other Muslims from Srebrenica.

They hid in a dugout.
"Those with me were boys, 15, 16 years of age, so I had to look after them," Mr Oric said. "At night we would dig potatoes from fields. When those ran out we relied on what flour we had and corn we managed to harvest."

When Serb patrols came nearer, they moved to another dugout as the first snow of winter fell.

There was no food, water or firewood. Those days were terrible," he said. Those nine months se like nine years. But now l want to go back home."

That prospect is unlikely at the moment as Srebrenica was allotted to the Serbs under the Dayton accords. Srebrenica refugees in Tuzla are reassured, how-ever, by the arrival of UN war crimes investigators examining suspected mass

Mohammed al-Mas'ari won his hearing against de-portation to Domi-

Islamist spats in

London lend the

regime room

to manoeuvre,

**David Hirst** in

Riyadh writes

nica on March 5 than his Committee for the Defence of Legitimate Rights (CDLR) fell apart. There are now two London-based dissident Saudi groups: the re-organised CDLR, which he heads, and a new rival, the Islamic Reform Movement, headed by his for-mer deputy, Saad al-Faqih, The CDLR's break-up

received far less attention in Britain than the Saudis official and otherwise — think it should have. Senior princes with little experience of the outside world harbour resentments towards the British government. But a younger, liberal, British-educated prince said the British media were chiefly to blame.

"Some of us are losing faith in the values you claim to represent. You made such a fues of them as political refuge but you never really looked into Mas'ari's chequered personal and professional past his real beliefs. And now that, with this scandal, they have come out in their true colours, you have lost interest. You just ignore them.

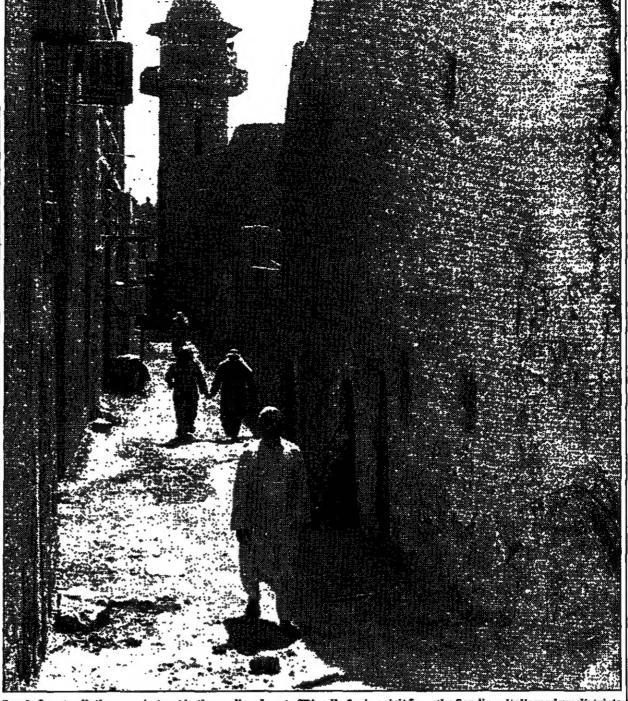
"Can't you see that it's people like Mas'ari who, in their backwardness, delay rather than promote progress in our country; that it's thanks to them, not me, that my wife must wear a veil, or cannot drive?"

By contrast, it is with undisguised relish that the Saudi media — especially those, like the London-based al-Sharq al-Awsat newspaper, owned by the House of Saud — have given details of the "war of communiques" between the dissident dissidents. They take an understandable pleasure in how, as the Saudi ambassador said, "each now violates the legiti-mate rights of the other". The founder of the CDLR is

Mr Mas'ari's father, Abdul-lah, aged 80, a former Sharia judge. Al-Sharq al-Awsat car-ries the text of the letter that Dr Faqih sent him explaining the break-up. When he first joined Mr Mas'ari in London, Dr Faqih said, he thought he was a man of sound belief and upright conduct. But he changed his mind.

He also accused Mr Mas'ari of contacts with the "CDLR military wing", which was allegedly behind the car bomb that killed four Americans in Riyadh last November. Ideologically he said Mr Mas'ari logically, he said, Mr Mas'ari had Mu'tazilite leanings. The Mu'tazilites were a free-thinking medieval sect that tried to blend faith with reason. Today's fundamentalists use the term as an insuit.

Defending his son, Abdullah called Dr Faqih's accusations "unworthy of a true Muslim". In the arch-conservative province of Qasim, where Dr Faqih comes from,



Land of contradictions . . . A street in the medieval part of Riyadh, far in spirit from the Saudi capital's modern districts

en saintly not to ex ploit these personal charges, along with the ideological schism. It has been the target of similar charges from the CDLR, and it hopes they will tarnish the moral preten sions of the whole Islamis

opposition.
One expert on the Islamists said: "It is a golden opportunity for the regime to portray Mas'ari and Faqih as extremstand how this pair could

work together. For Mr Mas'ari, it now transpires, has links with the tiny extremist Tahrir party. originating in Jordan, while Dr Faqih is more of a classi-

cal Muslim Brother.
The expert added: 'They get on with each other about as well as Stalinists and Mao-ists once did. I forecast that Mas'ari will now descend into silly radicalism, calling for such things as the re-establishment of the Caliphate."

the local CDLR denounced | Saudi society breaks down | London to learn which | strength from the same conhim, too. | Drives take conim, too.

Into two main camps — WestThe House of Saud would emised liberals and various which ministers abuse their deeply decout. conservative lamist schism is a relief to the liberals, who had mixed feelings about Mr Mas'ari from the outset. They could admire his courage and ingenuity. His fax war against the royal

'I have no liking for the ruling family but I would fight with them against Mas'ari, who would return us to the Stone Age'

family "did something we all wanted to do, but cannot from inside the kingdom," one lib-eral said. They could also sup-port his demands for the reform of public policy and practice — against corrup-tion, inefficiency, repression,

huge arms deals.
But the enthusiasm wore off. One liberal said: "It became a bit like reading the Sun or the News of the World, and we don't have to go to

trash propaganda instead. Be-sides, they got so much WI'ODE. Anything that relieves the

liberals embarrasses the Is-lamists. The broad goal of the Islamists — or those who think like Mr Mas'ari — is revolutionary, almost unique.
in Muslim history: a clerically led state, with religious
"commissars" in every department, which would probably be even more archaic and totalitarian in spirit than Khomeini's Iran.

deeply devout conservative establishment in London was the two, unable to agree on fundamentals, resorted to a shrewd move, since it in the context of the worldwide human rights movement where — given some of it members' obscurantist beliefs — it does not belong. Now, with their narrow sec-

tarian rivalries exposed, it will be harder for the exile groups to command the support of Western liberals At home, the Islamist movepent has never been united. being composed of individual preachers and coteries in universities and religious organi-sations. The CDLR break-up will add to confusion in Is-

lamist ranks.
The sense of impending national crisis brought on by the Islamists' ascent has eased. This should give the regime a breathing space to roll them back — not through repression and imprisonthey draw their main ment, but through the reform

of official policies that helped breed them in the first place. One liberal said: "It is all very well for the government to attack Britain for giving Mas'ari refuge; he and his like are its own creation."

The House of Saud has al-ways been more forward-looking than the state-appointed ulema (religious scholars) who, in theory at least, share authority with it, and often nore than the populous. But in its obsession with proving itself Islamically irreproach-able, it helped create the moral climate in which the Is-

lamists emerged.
It gave free rein to its official clerical establishment on any matters of rite, theology and jurisprudence where its own legitimacy was not called into question. Yet nothing so resembles Sheikh bin Baz -the regime's top cleric and author of a learned treatise proving the earth to be flat as much of the Islamist

opposition. They are his disciples in Wahhabism. They turned against him only because he maintained that the House of Saud was a true upholder of this most puritanical of Mus-lim schools, while they decided it was not.

This fight between estab-lishment and dissident Wah-habism is often abstruse. But it is intimately bound up with the contradictions of a land split between ancient and modern, native and universal. stifling social and cul-tural conventions and abun-dant financial and technological resources. One moderate Islamist said:

"Look at the dichotomy. Bin Baz and the ulema say interest amounts to 'war on God' [grievous sin], but not only are interest-based banks everywhere, true Islamic banks are forbidden. They say women should cover their faces, not drive or mix with men, but then on TV we see ladies in nightgowns and there are hair-stylists all over

In the current climate of in the current climate of religiosity, it would not be surprising if young men took Sheikh bin Baz at his word, and bombed banks. No one knows who planted the car bomb that killed four Americans, but many say it was an "Afghan" — one of those mili-tant idealists whom Saudi Arabia sent to Afghanistan to returned thinking their own government was a godless

US-supported abomination. Islamism may be in retreat, but it will revive if the regime does not change the agenda. and address the real political and economic issues that face it, instead of competing in the show of Islamic virtue.

A liberal said: "I have no

special liking for the ruling family, but I would, if neces-sary, take a gun and fight with them against those, like Mas'ari, who would lead us back to the Stone Age. We need reforms which make that unnecessary.

"The real danger does not come from the politically mo-tivated extremists, but from youth - in religion at the expense of real achievement on which the extremists thrive."

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#### News in brief

#### Russia scores first with US satellite launch

PUSSIA will launch a US-built satellite for the first time today under a \$1 billion programme, opening a new chapter in US-Russian space co-operation.
Sergei Zhiltsov, spokesman
for the Khrunichev Space
Centre, which makes the Pro-

ton booster rocket, said the Astra-1F telecommunications satellite would be launched

Beijing swipe

Beijing attacked Britain yes-terday as a committee respon-sible for reasserting Chinese control over Hong Kong pre-pared to hold its first meeting in the British colons

Beijing funded papers pub-lished in Hong Kong ridiculed

Britain's human rights re-cord, accused London of con-

cord, accused Lounor decor-spiring to retain control after the transfer of power in June next year, and even derided the British diet.—Reuter.

The long summer last year

means the price of a bottle of

1995 bordeaux will rise by at

least 20 per cent, leading vine

yards have forecast, teritas

Politicians and nuclear ex-

perts from around the world

will meet tomorrow in Vienna

for a conference on the conse-

quences on health and the en-

vironment after the Cherno-byl nuclear disaster 10 years

Wine price rise

Paul Webster in Paris.

Chernobyl talks

at Britain

in the British colony.

from the Baikonur cosmo-drome in Kazakhstan. It will be the first of 20 unmanned satellite launches planned by the year 2000 under an agreement between the space centre — once the hub of the Soviet space pro-gramme — and the US-backed joint venture International Launch Services. "This is a new page in co-

operation between the United States and Russia in the commercial use of the Proton booster on the international market," Mr Zhiltsov said. He said the Astra network had about 150 million users in Europe and the satellite would remain in orbit for 15

Convicted called molester.

Larry McQuay, aged 32, who has threatened to kill his next victim if the state does not castrate him, was released from prison yesterday and placed in a halfway house in San Antonio, Texan state offi-cials said. — Reuter.

Molester released

Convicted child molester

**Eruption 'close'** The volcano in Montserrat's Sourciere Hills could explode within days, scientists on the Caribbean island warned yeserday on the sixth day of

heightened alert. — Reuter. Chill kills 600 Six hundred people froze to

death in Moscow this winter and two others were killed by falling icicles. All had been drinking city authorities said esterday. — Reuter.

Boy shoots mother A Turkish boy aged 11 shot dead his sleeping mother in the town of Buca on the orders of his father, who suspected her of having affairs. local newspapers reported

#### Body fragments dumped in river

from Kazakhstan. — Reuter.

ARUSSIAN immigrant held on suspicion of dumping body parts in 10 dustbin bags into a New Jersey river will be charged with murder, offi-cials said yesterday. Vladhnir Zelemin, aged

the murder. - Reuter.

40. was arrested by a policeman who said be had seen the man dump the bags in a remote part of the Passaic River on Sunday.

The Bergen county prosecutor, Charles Buckley, said the body parts — be-lieved to come from a single corpse — had been cut into tiny pieces. "There were

the ears, the nose, parts of fingers, just minute parts." He said "implements" believed to have been used for cutting up the body were found in one of the bags. Police said the victim was a man. They said an un-identified woman, possibly part of a love triangle,

### Tehran trying to topple Labour, claims Peres

Derok Brown in Jerusalem

RAN is pressing Islamist groups to mount more ttacks in Israel, according to the Israeli prime minister, Shimon Peres. He accused Tehran of working to bring down Israel's Labour-led government in next month's gen-eral election.

In an interview published in yesterday's Jerusalem Post, Mr Peres said Iran was trying to "unseat a govern-ment of peace because it wants to unseat peace". He went on: "For this, I have one hundred per cent

evidence . . . they are pressing upon Islamic Jihad and other subversive organisations to act against Israel before the The prime minister de-clined to more specific about

the evidence. But he reminded delegates at a Labour Party meeting yesterday that arms and explosives had recently been found on an Iranian ship bound for Hamburg. The discovery was made in the Belgian port of Antwerp in the past two weeks.

Mr Peres told party members: "Iran is making every effort to change the govern-ment in Israel. A legal governmember of the United Nations sent explosives in a ship to attack Jewish and Israeli targets, with very sophisticated The Israeli army, mean-while, has laid yet another charge against Iran. It said that Shin Bet (secret service) agents had captured a Palestinian member of Islamic Jihad, who confessed that he was secretly trained in Iran.
The man, Khalil Abu Ita,
from the Jabaliya refugee camp in the Gaza Strip, told Shin Bet Interrogators he had been recruited while studying medicine in Turkey.

The army spokesman said Abu Ita had been given a fake Iranian passport and had flown to Iran last August to receive combat and weapons instruction. He was captured on March 12 when he tried to return home. Israel has mounted a deter-

mined diplomatic assault on lran in recent weeks, with enthusiastic US backing. At the spectacular "summit of the month, Mr Peres attacked Tehran, though he failed to win summit endorsement of his call for sanctions.

Many observers believe that though there is genuine concern about Iran's involve-ment with Islamist militants, the government's main mo-tive is to plant the suggestion that Tehran wants Labour to lose the election and that, by implication, the Islamists who oppose the peace process are on the same side as the rightwing Likud opposition. The Iranian ambassador to Sarajevo, Mohammad Ebra-him Taherian, commenting on reports that it secretly sent arms to Bosnian Muslims said yesterday it had supplied humanitarian aid to Bosnia through legal and official channels.

seacemakers"in the Egyptian | Leader comment, page 8



I must say I thought her very restrained. She cried softly at dinner, and was sick so politely I never even noticed and didn't even look drunk to me. Michele Hanson

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### The children come first

Conference clips don't teach the full lesson

FACTIONAL FIGHTS at the April | plained about the falling standards of become as familiar as Easter egg hunts. Moderates were right, even though unsuccessful yesterday, to seek to regain control. Few issues have more demeaned the teaching profession than the televised clips of hard left, head-inthe-cloud militants seeking to use schools as the launch pad for the overturn of the current economic system. As Stephen Bates, our former education editor who was selected by the National Union of Teachers (NUT) as their official historian, wrote in last week's Guardian Education: what is missing from the annual Easter conferences is "a sense of service to children and ambition for their achievement".

Of course it is unfair to judge the profession by a week of conference clips. The conferences are unrepresentative. Moderates have grown weary of harassed by the hard left, let alone trailing off to conference. Time and again the delegates to the NUT conference have been shown to be out of touch with staff-room attitudes - last year's conference decision for a protest strike which was overturned by a subsequent national ballot being only the most obvious example. But this year there has been an issue which has united even the moderates: opposition to the current system of school inspections with even the moderate Association of Teachers and Lecturers calling for the abolition of Ofsted (the Office for Standards in Education) which runs them.

Even on this issue the profession is being too insular and defensive. That there are unsatisfactory teachers is not news. Teachers do not need inspectors to tell them that. Indeed, in the conference bars where teachers have been congregating they will privately have been complaining about it. Secondary head teachers have publicly com- are to be restored.

round of teachers' conferences have primary school-leavers. What teachers don't like is the high profile which the Chief Inspector has given to the issue — plus the new proposal to require all teachers to be graded one to seven.

If standards are to be raised, incompe-tent teachers will have to be weeded out - a policy which has been endorsed by Labour's David Blunkett, The Chief Inspector has made it clear that evidence gathered during an inspection will not be substantial enough in itself to lead to a dismissal. But head teachers will be informed, confidentially, of the will be informed, confidentially, of the weak — as well as the excellent — teachers whom inspectors identify. Head teachers wanted this. For the rank-and-file to oppose this is to put the interests of producers (teachers) before consumers (children).

There are 450,000 teachers in England and Wales. The Chief Inspector believes

turning up to branch meetings to be | 15,000 are incompetent — a mere three per cent - compared to 45,000 rated very good. His estimate looks modest when set against the proportion of classes rated unsatisfactory. Even before the launch of the new privatised inspectorate, one out of three classes was rated "poor or very poor" by the old inspectors. The new system is not perfect but it has introduced more regular inspections than the old model. The anticipation of an inspection is helping head teachers achieve change that would have been impossible before. Yet there is still an unacceptably large variation in the quality of instruction within — as well as between — schools. Defending incompetent teachers is a serious disservice to children - and to raising standards. Mr Blunkett was right to ditch his predecessor's false dichotomy of "promoting success rather than identifying failure". Both are needed if the status and respect which teachers want rightly to receive

Glory Be! Tony Blair prepares to bring his New, Young, Exclusive Christian Dispensation to the Godless Americans... HEY Y'AL! I KINDA LIKE THIS BRIT GUY'S YA RIGHT, BOY! STYVE! SHAME HE'S SO GODDAM RIGHT WING. Offerstale Kinkyrof Inc 19

#### Letters to the Editor

### On a left-wing and a prayer

that the contrast is between those committed to wealth creation through motives of selfinterest (thereby benefiting, one hopes, the rest of the com-munity) and those for whom

the community comes first.

It is sad, however, that the argument about Christian socialism is currently being so shallowly linked to the philos-ophy of one or other of our political parties. The founders of Christian socialism in the 1840s rooted their principles first in the belief that all we first in the belief that all we have is a gift from God, and that nothing we have is a possession by right. And second in the theology that Christ is head not only of the Church but of the whole human race, and that in his fellowship, all humankind has been called into a brotherhood of sharing and service.

and service.
It is this that inspired the 1850s, the Christian Social Tories know they have failed, Union of the 1890s, and much in the intervening years, to

It is such a pity that the label "Christian Socialist" but it has to be remembered also that it was such ideals that lay behind the Beveridge Blair's Christian attack, April Butier Education Act of Christian who votes for the Labour Party", nor does it imply that the Christian vote ought to be so directed. For Tony Blair, it seems of the years before the second the contrast is between of the years before the second for the philosophy of the ILP. find anything better to cloak their philosophy and that their philosophy and that they're hlown the efficiency that they're hlown the efficiency and managerial claims too. S J Clarke.

45 Church Street, Hayfield, High Peak SK12 SJE. This country has seen considerable reform of the more glaring inequalities and injustices that the contrast is between of the years before the second far enough. Christianity may construed as volitical Now. ing inequalities and injustices of the years before the second world war. I for one expect to continue to find Christian socialists in both Tory and Labour ranks.

(Rev Canon) R J Halliburton. St Paul's Cathedral. Amen Court. London EC4M 7BU.

EARLY 15 years ago, a friend now climbing to dizzy heights in the Tory party was lamenting the broadly-held belief that the only people with any ideals or altruism must be socialists and that to be virtuous and a incompatible.

He extended his extremely.

able mind in the pursuit of a positive image to justify his allegiance to the Constructives. All he came up with were no-tions of efficient management and business sense. The latest co-operative movements of the howl of pain suggests that the

TONY Blair has got some thing right but did not go far enough. Christianity may be summed-up as "succour the weak, the sick and the poor at the expense of the strong, the healthy and the rich". Post-1979 Conservatism puts it the opposite way round: "Support the strong, the healthy and the rich at the expense of the weak, the sick and the poor".

Tony Freke. Brook Cottage, Grove Road, Newbury, Berkshire RG14 1UH.

So David Wilshire, conve-nor of the Methodist Fellowship at the House of Commons, says politicisms should not explain their ideology in terms of their religious heliefs? That well-known Meth-odist Donald Soper used to say he was opposed to gambling because he was a socialist and

that he was a socialist because he was a Christian. Of course you can't separate strongly-held religious beliefs

ment? What do they think of

her deliberate pursuit of mu-tilation? And what are the

surgeons thinking of when

they perform operations that are an obscene travesty of

everything they have been trained for?

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if it wasn't so tragic.

Crawshaw Grove

IN THE past few years, we have heard Tory protests when Church leaders have said anything that could be construed as political. Now they complain when the Labour leader relates his reli-gious views to his politics. I would have thought that any discussion about religion, mo-rality and politics would be in the public interest. Have the Tories anything to fear from such a debate?

Philip Lidster. 121 Birches Barn Road. Wolverhampton WV3 7BJ.

AM pleased that Tony Blair should attack Conservative self-interest as un-Christian. But will he apply his views to his own party? It contains several MPs and prospective MPs whose excessive wealth and luxurious lifestyles are in-consistent with both socialism and Christianity, What will our lander do about these Labour pharisees? Bob Holman.

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#### A fax from Al-Massari

DAVID HIRST, spent too much time in the sun in

I much time in the sun in Riyadh or perhaps he fell into bad company (Satellites evade Saudi censors, April 3).

The Saudi opposition is fighting for an elected, accountable government in our country. Surely this is more than a shade different from the Saudi regime which has never permitted any elections

never permitted any elections at any time in its history? Of course, the basic "constitution" of Arabia would be Islamic; 99.99 per cent of our people are sincere Muslims. Why is that different from the German constitution, for example, which requires a commitment to democracy and against fascism from its electoral political parties?

Mr Hirst says that our rulement of the constitution of the constitution

ers are "fundamentalist". Untrue. They are hypocrites who cloak themselves in their own mutilated version of Islam

while violating each and every tenet of the Koran.

The Saudi opposition stands for an independent judiciary and a free press able to criticise it and the elected government. How different from the Rivadh visited by from the Riyadh visited by Mr Birst where the only free information available came by fax from us or via the satellite — except when the Saudi-owned Orbit Communications in Rome blacks out the BBC broadcasts; and where judges are placemen of

the tyrants. As a former political pris-oner of Al'Hair prison who was tortured there, I am afraid that I did not enjoy the air-conditioned splendour of the jail as described by Mr

He is wrong too about women drivers. The regime banned them as "un-Islamic"; we demand women's right to drive.

Mr Hirst says that "all Saudi fundamentalists end up taking the Christian West as their models". When Mr Gandhi was asked what he thought of "Western civilisation" he replied: "Yes I think that would be a good idea." The Saudi regime exists only because of the West which, in return, turns a blind eye to Saudi corruption, hypocrisy and cruelty.

Prof Muhammad Al-Masseri.

c/o 7 Millbank, Westminster London SW1.

Please include a full postal address, even on e-mailed etters, and a telephone number. We may edit letters; shorter ones are more likely to appear. We recret we cannot

ecknowledge those not used.

Cut it out

ONCE again we've seen common sense trampled by the superficial quick fix so popular in Texan penal mat ters (Texas to castrate paedo phile, April 6). Against experi advice that castration offers no guarantee against child sexual assault, "state authorities bowed to public pres-sure" to allow a convicted paedophile the surgery that he believes will curb his vio

timisation of children. As a survivor of a decade of childhood sexual assault. I've heard this misinformed claim that castration offers protec tion so many times now it fails to shock me. When will authorities admit that sexual assault has nothing to do with lust and attraction but everything to do with power and its misuse? The organ that al-

lows its perpetration is the brain, not the genitals. As Collier Cole of the Council on Sex Offender Treatment sald: "Surgery is not going to give someone a conscience." Still, considering Texans' enthusiasm for brutal and inappropriate responses to other violent crimes (one third of the US's executions have been carried out in Texas), that they have em-braced another blinkered and misinformed "solution" to personal violence surprises me not at all. Julia McKiernan. Elmcroft Street, London E5.

OLLIER Cole's comment Capplies equally to the quaint Sharia habit of chopping off hands and, indeed heads.

The Texas state authorities should not be so recidivist. Roy Pennington. 41 Hendon Street, Brighton, Sussex BN2 2EG.

Tory Good Samaritan Christianity (Mark Lawson Commentary, April 8) would be more convincing if she were to allocate some of the wealth of the Thatcher Foundation to charitable enter-prises; for instance, to the provision of asbestos-free housing for the poor of Anthony Storr. 45 Chaifont Road, Oxford OX2 6TJ.

tions of the registration and ing is clear? What we need is inspection system for child-minders revealed by David Lane's report on the Sheffleld childminder case (Child not just improved registra-tion and inspection systems but mandatory training for everyone who wants to prominder checks 'not working' vide family day care, base April 5), you miss its major a national scheme which guarantees standards and There is no public policy consistency across the country, linked to nationally accredited NVQs in Childcare about who cares for the child-ren of working parents and there is no debate. Childcare is left to individual families to Sadly, our application to sort out — and the govern-ment keeps its head down

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COSMETIC

VE BECOME resigned to live with facial disfigure your regular items on self-ment? What do they think of

Face it: it's a carve-up

mutilation and body piercing

masquerading as art or phi-losophy. They disturb my per-

ception of the Guardian, which I have read and ad-

mired for a long time, but I

usually accept them as an ab-

erration among the serious

nale for the article on Orlan (Me, my surgeon and my art,

April 2)? What effect does an

article like this have on those

hoping that the smokescreen of "educational" initiatives

like nursery vouchers will keep parents quiet.

Nearly 50 per cent of mothers with children under five

work. Nearly three-quarters of women with high educa-tional qualifications now

return to work, most within

few months of their children's

few months of their children's birth. Economic pressures, lack of parental leave, changing family structures and uninformed employers combine to produce a situation where childminders — who provide the majority of care — are being asked to care for children as young as two works.

ren as young as two weeks old, within a working week

which often stretches to 55

who have no choice but to Sheffield.

Who minds the childminder?

IN focusing on the limits- I ment in standards and train-

But what can be your ratio-

busines

launch such a scheme has just been turned down. Perhaps will now change its mind. Gill Haynes.

Chief Executive, National Childminding 8 Masons Hill Bromley, Kent BR2 9EY.

NANNIES at present do not have to be registered at all. This is a strange anomaly considering that the nanny is no longer the elite minority childcare option but a cost-effective alternative to the childminder or nursery, used by thousands of middle-in-come families. Julia King. 4 Vine Place, Surely the case for invest-Sussex BN1 3HE.

#### Reputations

EDWARD Windsor does nothing to restore the standing of his discredited and disreputable family with his support for the late Wallis impson (Paul Foot, April 8). This woman and her second husband (aka the Duke of Windsor) were known and enthusiastic supporters of the Hitler regime, were guests of the Nazi high command in Berlin and associated with prominent French and American extreme right-wing

After the start of the second world war, this woman's husband — a British citizen and s serving member of our armed forces — supplied the Ger-mans with militarily useful information. It is likely that this information led to the death or capture of British and French soldiers and could have helped to prolong

Yes, she, or rather both of them, should be granted titles: how about "Traitor" for starters? Pemberton Road East Molesey, Surrey KT8.

### **A Country Diary**

SOMERSET: On Palm Sun- | watered valley. Now the day, cold but bright, the congregation, choir and clergy, with a suitably dignified and doelle donkey, wound in procession through the ancient streets of Sherborne and down over the cobbles of Cheap Street to the Abbey green. There are other traditionally beautiful at the cobble traditionally beautiful at the cobble traditionally at the cobble traditional tra there are other tran-itionally hopeful signs of the Lenten season — spring-heeled lambs, daffodils, late this year but now resplen-dent, and plump buds on the indoor vine. But the Western Coratta's front page headling Gazette's front-page headline says "Cull could kill County" and in Wells Cathedral, the Bishop led prayers for the farming community. In Som-erset there were, at the last census, over 4,000 farms owned by the families that farm them, with 135,000 dairy cows and 27,000 beef cattle. In the last week of March this year, no cattle at all were sold at Sturminster Newton market I went to visit the farm where I had seen a suckling herd of beef cattle in June, when they were only a few months old, wandering with their mothers in a well-

young bulls are magnificent. substantial beasts, with rounded, muscled shoulders, gleaming costs, and shining eyes. It is easy to see the contrast between them and the relatively slender dairy animals of the same age. Both have been fed on a diet of mother's milk, grass from the farm, and equally home-grown barley. Both are supremely well adapted to their respective tasks — the production of milk or beef. There has never been a case of BSE on this farm. It is impossible to imagine finer specimens of prime, clean beef cattle anywhere else in the world. A week has passed since the time when last year, their predecessors were fetching premium prices at market. Now, as we watched them consume another day's rations, they and all the daily rations, they and an the daily care and years of patient learning experience that had gone into bringing them to this point, were effectively nothing, since no-one Worth was buying.

JOHN VALLINS

A tale without instruction

When the US gave a broad wink to Tehran's arms for Bosnia

nian Serbs, and unhappy that its European allies are more concerned to reduce rather than increase military strengths in the area. So far the only military equipment pledged to Bosnia has been a \$100 million American tranche, and another \$700 million of arms is still awaiting sponsorship. US diplomats warn that Iran looms as an alternative source of supply if the programme remains stalled. And no one wants those arch-fomenters of terrorism to get involved, do they? Not now, anyhow. As the Los Angeles Times has just confirmed in an exclusive story whose essentials are not

denied by the White House, it was rather different not so long ago. When in 1994 Croatia's President Tudjman asked whether there would be any objection to Iranian arms being supplied via his country to the Sarajevo government, US officials answered that they had "no instructions" from Washington regarding the proposal. That is the diplomatic equivalent of giving a heavy wink. The arms went through, and so did the Iranian advisers whose presence in Bosnia is now upsetting the Americans a great deal. But it leaves the White House able to say — in observed "the letter of the arms em- guns will mean more war.

BEEFING UP the Bosnian army is fine | bargo" which had been imposed by the — so long as the Iranians don't do it. Security Council upon all the partici-That at least is the current US position. Security Council upon all the partici-pants in the war. The spirit was some-Washington is eager to ship a whole thing rather different

In spite of Bob Dole's efforts this range of weapons to strengthen the Sarajevo government against the Bosepisode is not about to become Bill Clinton's Irangate — not least because Mr Dole himself was at the time in favour of arming the Bosnians. So was the Clinton White House which, give or take a few wobbles, favoured a "lift (the embargo) and strike (the Bosnian Serbs)" policy. The second half of the policy eventually prevailed and it was always clear that arms were getting through to the Bosnian government with, presumably, some degree of US acquiescence. Yet there is a deeper sort of parallel with the original Irangate in the inconsistency of an administration which gives a collusive nod to Tehran when it seems expedient, only to denounce the Iranians later as the fount of

all subversion. The other lesson is the continued folly of believing that arms supplies can make good deficiencies in international commitment. What Bosnia needed in 1994 was not covert Iranian arms but an overt stepped-up UN commitment with the full backing of the main member states. Instead it got more dithering until Nato stepped in. What Bosnia will need next year is for the current international presence to be maintained with ample aid for reconstruction, instead of the withdrawal of all or most of another revealing phrase - that it the Nato troops. Without this, more

### Riding into a right royal sunset

Oh the oak and the yew and the Royal Company of Archers

THE EASTER shower of Royal stories | could be forgiven for describing the has produced an embarrassment of choice. There was the complex tale of bank statement journalism involving Panorama's Martin Bashir and his interview with Princess Diana. There was the stampede of polo ponies, one of which chomped through a flower bed in Ascot, and the sad tale of Lord Palmer. loyal to his monarch but forced to resign from the Royal Company of

Archers. And more we won't mention. At first sight these are unconnected stories. Mr Bashir's problems may say more about the competitive culture of journalism than about the reasons why Princess Diana consented to his interview. For it is suggested that he has become the target of professional rivalry. The polo ponies who ran across the road after escaping a fire prove just how dangerous life can be in Surrey. As one driver recalled, "you could smell the horses in the car." In her terror she

Duke of York who went to her aid as a 'portly man". Lord Palmer's disgrace. after allowing his castle to be used for the film "Princess in Love", may be a blessing in disguise. How else would we ever have learnt that the Royal Company of Archers parade in green jackets carrying yew bows and that their Captain-General Lord Clydesmuir is known as Gold Stick for Scotland?

Perhaps these stories could have been more handily woven into one thematic whole. The ponies' stampede would then be halted by the entire Royal Company of Archers practising in Windsor Great Park. Lord Palmer, seizing the first mount, would be pardoned. He could then be interviewed by Mr Bashir who would verify, with photocopies, the sum paid for renting out his Edwardian mansion. It might mean taking a few liberties with the truth. but plenty have been taken already.

Cold charity

ADY Thatcher's brand of

See. (

#### Matthew Norman

AM pleased to announce that, in keeping with the spirit of the age, the Diary has been privatised. From now on, anyone seek-ing publicity can buy it, while those officially deemed desperate to see their names in print will be charged automatically, whether they asked for the mention or not. For example, calling him "parliamentary democracy's answer to Benny from Crossroads'' would set Jerry Hayes MP back £200, while any reference to Michael Winner's minuscule sperm count will cost him £470 (£400, plus VAT at 17.5 per cent). If the bill is not settled within 30 days, bailiffs will be instructed to distrain goods to the value. Vanessa Feltz, David Mellor, Liz Hurley, Jim Davidson, Peter Stringfel-low, Paula Yates, Andrew Neil, Judge Pickles and the Neil, Judge Pickles and the Reg Varney doppleganger Tony Banks MP all come into this category. "You're quite right," says Max Clif-ford. "People who are totally self-obsessed should have to pay whatever the story." Max sees great busi-ness opportunities. "If! want to place a story about a want to place a story about client — having it off with Diana, for instance — the tabloids won't be too interested if it comes straight from me; it just looks like PR. But if it's in your Diary, in a paper that carries weight like the Guardian, it's got credibility. It could be worth a few grand, cer-tainly. I tell you, you could make a fortune." I could, Max, and I will. Max Clifford has been charged £587.50 (VAT included) for this story.

HRN Peter Tatchell wrote to London Electricity asking for compensation for computer material damaged by an interruption to the power supply (an habitual problem in his south London block), the denial of the request came from Tabitha Hussain (Mrs) of customer relations. It was the company's fault, Mrs Hussain admitted, but ensuring uninterrupted power is the responsibility of the customer. If Mr Tatchell wishes to avoid it happen-ing again, she advised, he could go out and buy himself a generator! It's so simple, — but then all the

H to be my sane and rational friend Paul Johnson at Easter. heart, he's been on typically versatile form this week-end. One moment, in the Ob-server, be's describing beaven as sitting in a Parisian café ogling the young Brigitte Bardot dressed as a schoolgirl, that is, not Paul); the next, in the Sunday Telegraph, he's on about his visit to Rome to see the Pope. When Paul Johnson (I) thrust a fat volume into the frail Pontifical arms. John Paul (II) was at first dismayed, but then— no. we shall let Paul take up the story. "When He saw it was the history of Christianity" — by a certain P Johnson — "in Polish, his splendid old eyes lit and a vast, benevolent grin spread over his face." Prepare to be moved. "I was handed one of the rosaries he delights to give, and an other went to my wife Marigold who, as always when she is supremely happy and uplifted, was weeping. There are no words.

TH de Mierre writes from the public-rela-tions stronghold of Haywards Heath. "When Martin Jones, head of his-tory at Brighton College, was reading The Adventure Of The Sussex Sea Creature a Sheriock Holmes story imagined by author Christopher Enby in the sci-fi magazine Scheherezade he nearly fell off his seat. According to the story, Sherlock Holmes had been to school at Brighton College." How intriguing— and how very droll to end the press release with the word "elementary". On the phone, Mrs de Mierre is bullish about the discovery. I congratulate her for choosing, as role model for hundreds of impressionable boys, a manic depressive, emotionally inadequate man with a heavy dependence on opium and cocaine. "Er, I'm not sure that's quite the image," she says quietly, "but we did have the first-ever purpose-built school science lab."



### Real dirt flies in an unreal world

### Commentary Hugo

### Young

NE year from now, other things being equal, the election will be coming to an end. As everyone predicts, the campaign will be the dirtiest campaign will be the dirtiest ever known. Every campaign I remember has been the dirtlest ever known. Succulent anticipation greets the possibility. The political class salivates, watching the dirt start to materialise. Expecting it, we legitimise it, even as we sagely shake our heads. Already the parties are showing they will not let us down.

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More certain than the filth, however, will be something more corrosive. Poison we can live with, but emptiness is less forgivable. The void, like the hemlock, is already being prepared. Its narrow modes are clear: uncorned. modes are clear: unscrupu-lous aggression about the other side, mute defensive-ness about one's own. The Tories are defensive about what they haven't done Labour about what they will

The Lib Dems, though a

less culpable case, will be lured like the big boys towards the politics of process over substance: perfection of soundbite over dealing with the issues. The big issues will be those the parties run away from. It is a doleful definition but not, I think, a false one.

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What are these, the real, big, epoch-denting issues?
Many lead back to what's called, deadeningly, the environment. They're far from dead, but the word turns them into deadness. How can economic growth be reconeconomic growth be reconciled with sustainable resources? How can more cars coexist with pure air cars coexist with pure air and the survival of country? How is cutting unemployment consistent with husbandry of the earth? How, again, can a beef industry be reinvented, or else dietary habits altered to preclude the releasing of patients? New in poisoning of nations? How, in another field, can this nation organise itself to house its people properly? How — the over-arching issue — does the politician of the moment, the prime minister presumptive. address the long-term crisis in many fields that is so plainly consequent on the worship of short-term market

forces?
Each of these, it can be agreed, is an inescapable agreed, is an inescapable question. The answer may be disputable but the question is not invented — and in one paragraph I can only skim the land done. The Times, the can the democratic marshing to engage with anything that to engage with anything that the engage with anything that about them, however. Hardly anyone reported what they doctors of anti-philosophy had done. The Times, the who want to decide what poli-

are twofold. First, they're not answerable by party, and therefore not addressed by party. Second, anyone who explores them, and thus confesses to a state of perplexity, is a freak who has surrendered any place in the electoral argument.

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We don't have to wait till next year to watch this. A benchmark moment occurred last week. Real World is a new body set up to highlight the big issues. A unique confederation of more than 30 organisations, ranging from Oxfam, through Friends of the Earth, to Charter 68, has not together a dossier of these put together a dossier of ques-tions, and the alarming evidence that makes them big, in an effort to re-define the polit-ical debate. Its launch was quite an event. The member-groups can claim around two million paying supporters.
Even though some of these may be counted twice or more, they obviously constitute a substantial army of the most active citizens in the

called a bunch of do-gooders, whose answers to the questions tend to leftiness rather than the opposite. Some weeks ago, Tony Blair gave the group a footnote mention in his big number on the environment. They could be dismissed either as a bogus assemblage of environment/
third world/social justice/ political reform lobbyists who have nothing genuinely in common, or as a typical agitprop consensus in favour of higher public spending. Actually, the media's ne-glect has a more obvious root,

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which is precisely that Real World is challenging the only political shape the media understand, the party shape, which suffers from all the limitations party politicians impose upon it. They verified just what Real World is on about, namely the inability of this vast apparatus that we call the democratic machine

Telegraph and the FT didn't carry a word. The tabloids, of course, were nowhere. The BBC didn't mention Real World after lunch-time. C4 News, not usually a slave to stale agendas, missed out completely. The weekend press was customarily uninquiring. All became co-conspirators in silence.

They could offer reasons for this. Real World might be called a bunch of do-gooders, they live every day with the undodgeable facts that land is thinning, air is poisoning, water is polluting, diversity is narrowing and the poor are always disproportionately suffering. They know that without political change such as the parties will not contemas the parties will not contem-plate, all this will get worse. Equally, their audience half-suspects as much already. The more politicians conceal it, the deeper the voters find themselves mired in insecu-rity and cynicism. All polling evidence shows that faith in progress is no longer the con-dition of Britain. It's hardly a coincidence that the same evi-

> than han what it was 20 years ago.
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> This weekend, as usual, the papers were full of political games. The American rubbishing of Blair by a Tory advance-guard, the manipulation of TV by Blair, who's smearing whom, can Hogg survive mad cows? Pretending to make trouble, it's a screen for complicitness. The real dirt of elections is a fateful commact within the politiful compact within the political class: on the one hand the candidates, using every artifice to distract from the real problems and mask their terror of solutions; on the other hand the media, stretching and exaggerating and pur-porting to de-construct politi-cal evasions, but actually playing the same game, partiners in a plot that locates politics for ever between the voter and the real world.

Julian Critchley advantage of this brief interlude to prepare for dence shows popular trust in British politicians to be less than half what it was 20 years

interlude to prepare for the next season of political gaffes, I cannot help wondering why even the most experienced of politicians drop bricks that bring them into public ridicule.

Kenneth Clarke cannot remember which steelworks has been closed down, and has to be gently corrected. to be gently corrected.

Michael Heseltine still seems
to believe that, after 30 years
of politics, there is such a thing as a "private" meeting. Peter Temple-Morris gives an interview in Ireland to a jour-nal no one this side of the water has ever heard of, and is appalled to find his view all over the British press, Journalist-politicians like Julian Critchley write anonymous articles in the Observer, only to be forced to own up.

Clarke, who is a rumbustious performer, could not have been properly briefed. What, after all, are private secretaries for if not to guide their "masters" through the minefields of Consett? Heseltine's case was even more extraordinary. Summoned at the last moment to take the Prime Minister's place at a "private" meeting of umbraged smallbusinessmen, he discarded John Major's script (Michael is never very happy reading other peoples' texts) and started to improvise. Warming to his theme, he took rafuge in anecdote and told the small-businessmen (worried about what was owed to them by bigger companies) how he, Heseltine, as a young businessman in financial trouble, had used tricks like send-

in. All to buy time.

Much hilarity must have been created by so frank an ner, I always enquire whether admission from the Deputy the press be present. Even so, Prime Minister. But what I am careful There could al-Michael forgot is that there is no such thing in politics as a private meeting. There will ways be a "Disgusted, Alder-shot" only too eager to make mischief, to revenge herself always be some aggrieved person with an axe to grind who is on the blower to the Sun fore you can say "cheque". The result was predictable:
Michael's "sharp practices"
were all over sheets broad and
narrow, most of which forgot
to say that he had eventually succeeded in paying back every penny and went on to become a multi-millionaire.

In the late 60s, four "turnovers" — that is, articles on the leader page of the Times — were written by someone sign-

ernment, Although he denied it, they could only have been written by Enoch Powell. In 1980. I wrote an anonymous article in the Observer, encouraged by John Cole, attacking the policies of Mrs Thatcher's first administration. There was a lull for a week, and then Fleet Street smoked me out. "It was so well written, it could only be by Julian Critchley," was the view of the late Jock Bruce Gardyne. I denied authorship to the Mail (Sir David English) 1980, I wrote an anonymous to the Mail (Sir David English told me years later that I should have stuck to my guns), but was obliged to come local party. There was an un-holy row and an end to my

glittering career.
Peter Temple-Morris, who is one of the last of the One-Nation Tories, told the Limerick Bugle, or some such jour-nal, that if he were starting out in politics again, he, for one, would not join today's Conservative Party. This was immediately picked up by the tabloid hacks who cried "traitor" to a man. Peter for-got there is always a stringer who can make a bob or two telling the world.

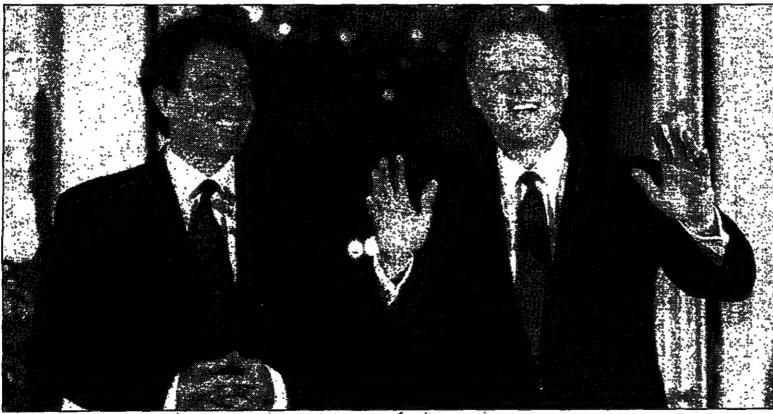
One last example must be mine. I wrote in the Listener describing Mrs Thatcher as "the great she elephant". This was revealed late at night on Tyne-Tees Television when the presenter of some frightful programme, Gillian Reynolds, challenged me to deny my de-scription of "our great leader". I could not, and did not, but was surprised to see my words in every one of the next day's papers. The televi-sion PR people had sent word to the Press Association.

N the Commons, ministers of the Crown read rapidly from scripts prepared for them by some Wykehamist in their private office, pausing only to scratch their private paris. This ensures that no hostages are offered up to for-tune. But there is always the danger of the man in a shabby mac, standing at the back of an Aldershot hall at election ing out the cheques with only one signature on them, or with the date incorrectly filled cretion. Whenever I speak at a for some long-forgotten slight. We should not forget the perils of the unswitched-off the public have learnt of John Major's opinion of close colleagues such as Michael Por-tillo, John Radwood and Peter Lilley? Until he spoke, I had no idea that all three were born out of wedlock; although

Sir Julian Critchley, Conservative MP for Aldershot, ing himself "A Conservative". Is retiring after the election to they constituted a bitter attack on the Macmillan goving Peacehaven

I would not have been sur-

prised had they told me.



Togetherness . . . Tony Blair and Bill Clinton all smiles in London last year

### Toes in the water

Patrick Wintour argues that Tony Blair will have to tread carefully to gain kudos from his meeting with President Clinton, while **Martin Walker**, below, plots the points of mutual interest

they don't bring you votes at home. However, opposition leaders cannot avoid them. They are a necessary part of adding the sheen of statesmanship to your image. America is the only superpower left on earth, and Tony Blair has to be seen not just shaking its hands, but making a splash. It gives kudos, but also presents Blair with a platform to extend his foreign-policy vision beyond

Surope.
Little will be left to chance

OREIGN trips are not just accidents waiting to happen, political and media glitterati. visits New York housing pro-iocts talks with the Federal jects, talks with the Fe Reserve Bank Chairman Alan Greenspan and Wall Street bankers, and climaxes with a trip to the White House. There will be one big largely economic speech setting out his vision of transatlantic

Much of the visit has been arranged by Jonathan Powell, the Blair chief-of-staff and for four years a British diplomat in Washington close to the Little will be left to chance Clinton camp. On the PR side, on the three-day trip this Alastair Campbell, his press

of "Blair snubbed" headlines. It will be difficult. Such is the misplaced self-importance of the British, anything short of city-wide gridlock in honour of the Labour leader is likely to turn into a cruel snub to "Tony Who?"

However, the Democrat administration will pull out the stops for Blair. They hadly would like to see the back of John Major, and Blair's poll-ster Phillip Gould played some small part advising President Clinton's 1992

campaign.

Both leaders have a communitarian philosophy that gives a special place to individual responsibility. Blairite-Brownite economics is clearly influenced by the work of the US Labour Secretary Robert Reich who are tary Robert Reich, who argues in an age of mobile

one a lawyer and married to

a lawyer, governing in

They have a very great

deal in common, from a readiness to talk of politics

in terms of religion to a

secretary and a veteran of trans-national capital that the Neil Kinnock's ill-fated 30-skills of your workforce and the quality of your national ensure the minimum number the two main assets a government can improve. Both economies are creating jobs, but cannot restore a sense of job security. Both parties are tak-ing an interest in stakeholding as one means of restoring the feel-good factor. Blair will will also feel com-

fortable with a Clinton once again pumping conservative themes such as the virtues of school uniforms, no leniency for teenage killers and sup-port for V chips in television. In short, New Democrat will be meeting New Labour. The Blair staff are aware of

Clinton's ambivalent image for Britons, and are as eager to point out the discrepancies as the similarities. The sepa-ration of powers between the Presidency and the Congress puts a constitutional roed-block in the way of Clinton that Tony Blair, assuming an

overall Commons majority, will not fece. But that puts even more pressure on Blair to be clear-eyed if he wins power, his aides say. The Blair camp also argue

that one of the biggest single errors made by the inexperi-enced Clinton team was to campaign on one issue and then to govern on another. Instead of making his first governing task the remaking of the welfare state — the election-trail promise — Clinsuch as gays in the military or took on the gigantic recast ing of the nation's health ser-vices. The health reforms collapsed in big government solutions, and the Republicans are "now promising to tie the welfare system round the President's neck and sink him with it". Blair will try to prevent the equivalent of a Republican backlash in Brit ain by not promising too much in his manifesto, but carrying it out in govern-ment. Thus, Labour aims to make no policy pledges that cannot be funded by transferring resources from existing budgets. If Blair has learnt one lesson from Clinton be-fore today, it is that you de-

### Beyond all sentiment

barely a dot on the outer rim of the American radar screen, generating much less attention than the nowregular visits by Gerry Adms. There have been a couple of approving profiles in those increasingly rare magazines which contain words rather than pictures, like The New Yorker and The New Republic. Political junkles know his face from the C-SPAN channel's broadcast of Question Time,

and inside the State Department they already see him as the prime-minister-inwaiting. In a handful of key places Blair will get a friendly reception. The White House

E could almost be the Stealth candidate. Tony Blair's first trip to the White House is so far joyed with Labour when to the White House is so far joyed with Labour when joint of view, this lack of ing about restoring the fra-ternal party ties they en-joyed with Labour when Roy Jenkins and Denis Healey were commuting across the Atlanti and 1970s. Atlantic in the 1960s

Thanks to some careful advance work by Gordon Brown at the Treasury and the Federal Reserve, there is none of that rippling of alarm at Labour's reform plans. There are no andible off-the-record grumblings about unsound allies from Pentagon or CIA, in the way that Netl Kinnock's White House call was soured in advance a decade ago.

Beyond these arcane levels, Tony Blair has yet to make any kind of mark on the US. Little has been made of the attempts by the Conis putting out the welcome servative party to smear deliberate rejection of every tification with the other. Major promat, and the Democratic him in advance as just an ideological tradition of the Beyond the obvious deli-

left, except for that old standby of party discipline which the Communists called "democratic centralism". Each man has imposed his own loyalists and a uniform message upon the party, even as each steers instinctively for the centre point of view, this lack of attention is Blair's problem,

In the misty future, they a symbol of Britain's declin-ing weight in world affairs. This Washington visit could be very useful allies. Both the Bush and Clinton should be his opportunity, a way to show that while the administrations have said it often enough, that Britain's value to Washington will rise and fall with Britain's old special relationship has crumbled in John Major's hands, it can be restored influence in Europe. And in and modernised by Clinton that hard-headed place that lies beyond all sentiment, the White House sees Blair There is now a serious prospect that the rest of this decade could see two likeockeying their Trojan Horse into Europe far more minded Oxford men, each skilfully than the exhausted

John Major. But in the short term. each man has to win his election. And each one has reason to suspect that his cause might be just a bit tarnished by too much iden-

cacy of being too closely identified with a scandalprone Mr Clinton, the timing is acutely tricky for Blair. He may be fighting a British election six months after Clinton has been reelected or turfed out of office by President Dole. Clinton does not want too many reminders of the antiwar protests of his Oxford days, nor of Labour's radi-

liver best by promising little.

calism in the 1980s. Nor does he want the voters to recall his 1992 campaign rhetoric about the merits of European social democracies in delivering national health and job-training systems to their citizens. The irony in the Clinton-

Blair relationship is that it might only prosper in the future if it can be kept deliberately low-key in this mutual election season. After all, the brazen flamting of the partisan political alliance between President George Bush and John Major proved damaging to

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### A religion of doing good

thanks to a memo baud inquiry into the costs of the National Health Service. Written with his mentor Richard Titmuss, whom he was eventually to succeed as professor of social adminis-tration at the London School of Economics, it showed that spending on the still infant NHS, far from spiralling out of control as the Treasury feared, was actually falling as a percentage of gross national product; and that the pressures of demography and advances in medical science meant that more needed to be spent on it, not less.
The memorandum set the

tone of the eventual report; it removed any threat to the continued existence of the NHS, and instead firmly located it in the cross-party

During the 1950s, Abel-Smith continued his work on health policy in Britain, producing histories of pre-NHS hospitals and of the nursing profession that remain classics to this day. In the 1970s and 1980s, his interests became more international with cross-national studies of value-for-money in health services and on the containment of health costs that are still essential reading. He visited more than 60 countries as a consultant for the World Health Organisation and other international organisations; in consequence, there is hardly a national health system in the developing world that does not bear the stamp of his advice.

But his contribution was not only to health services. of housing and social security policy; in particular, as special adviser on pensions to the then Secretary of State for Social Services, Richard Crossman, from 1968 to 1970, he contributed to what was probably the best work that the Labour Party ever pro-

duced on the subject.
The work of his that arguably made the most political on poverty: The Poor and the Poorest, written with Peter Townsend and published in 1961, a post he occupied until this task.

1965. By demonstrating that his official retirement in 1991. First and foremost, be had despite 20 years of a welfare With Richard Titmuss, Abel- a first-class brain which, him was when the Child Pov-

RIAN Abel-Smith, who has died aged 69. first rose to prominence the social and political combine the school, still advising

and the elderly, it challenged the social and political com-placency of the day.

It led directly to the forma-tion of the Child Poverty Action Group and, more hreadly, to an awareness that broadly, to an awareness that a coalltion of politically aware academics and welfare activists with a single cause to fight for could lead to change. Indeed he was always

active politically. He acted as a senior adviser to both the 1964-70 and 1974-79 Labour governments; he served as both the treasurer and vice-president of the Fabian Society. However, he never let his ety. However, ne never let me politics dominate his aca-demic commitment to what he perceived to be the truth. One of his last acts was to coone of his last acts was to co-author a controversial article in Fabian News that drew attention to some of the real achievements of the Conser-vative government's health

Abel-Smith was born in London, the son of a briga-dier-general and educated at Haileybury College during the war, After post-war army service — he joined as a pri-vate in 1945, was commis-

There are few academics who have changed the world — and fewer who have changed it for the better.

He was one

with the Allied Commission for Austria - he went up to 1948. It was from 1953 to 1955 as a research fellow with the National Institute of Economic and Social Research that he collected economic evidence for the Guillebaud Committee

He was at the LSE from 1955 and spent most of his academic career in the department of social administra-tion, becoming professor in

governments all over the world, but taking the time between his many trips to help set up a new and thriv-ing research centre, LSE Health.

His energy was legendary.
At times he seemed literally not to touch the ground. In one 12-hour period, he is reputed to have breakfasted in New York, lunched in Toronto and cooked dinner for six in London.

Despite his fame, he was kind and unpretentious, always immensely generous with time and help. He also found time, at the end of the 1960s to own a clothing shop Just Men, which even opened a New York branch. The National Union of Students magazine pinpointed the es-tablishment as a place to go, the identity of its distin-guished proprietor. "I don't think," he said then, "that a lot of students can afford it."

He enjoyed skiing and swimming and his warmth and enthusiasm were infectious: the room brightened up when he entered it, and the glow lasted long after he had left. There are generations of students, colleagues and of them, but most especially for John Sarbutt his lifelong companion, he is irreplace-

Tom Paine could have been writing of Abel-Smith when he said "my country is the world and my religion is to do good". There are few academics who have changed the world — and even fewer who have changed it for the better. Brian Abel-Smith was one of

Julian Le Grand Health Policy at the London

Frank Field writes: Brian Abel-Smith was one of the most effective of Labour's political advisers. Those young Turks hoping to gain influ-ence under a Blair government would do well to use him as their model. He brought three qualities to

gave him a natural confi-dence. I never once witnessed him behaving in a crabby manner. Nor did he ever feel it necessary to present other people's ideas as It was perhaps this secu-rity which helped make him such an outstanding political adviser and which was why secretaries of state wished for his services. And yet, while his loyalty to Labour could not be doubted, he

his own.

pose of the Labour govern-ment's record towards the poor. Richard Crossman was the Secretary of State for Social Security and it was my first meeting with him. Crossman did everything except swing from the chandelier to upset the CPAG party. Abel-Smith found all this amusing and quietly laughed at Crossman's antics, but his enjoyment was equally open when witty counter-blows were struck.

Brian Abel-Smith . . . demonstrating the permanence of poverty with his family background, erty Action Group presented the role of adviser was. It easy team player. The team gave him a natural confi- its pre-1970 Budget memodence. I never once wit randum, a highly critical experiment of the form of was to the fore in his acaescapism for the political career he decided not to pursue. It wasn't an opportunity to shine at his political master's expense. It was, above ail, to bring talents which would help a radical govern-ment achieve its programme. Abel-Smith saw that this could best be achieved by acting as his master's second brain, operating free from spread popular belief that the immediate pressures of a there has been an increase of Brian Abel-Smith, professor of cabinet member. His intellectory vast proportions in both social administration, born tual ability, social poise and money cost and the real cost Novembude interests made him an of the NHS is not borne out 4. 1996

was to the fore in his aca-demic work, too. On two fronts he helped change the debate. With Richard Titmuss, he countered the panic the Tories tried to induce over National Health Service costs. These two LSE academics were responsible for much of the analysis behind the Guillebaud report's con-clusion that: "The wide-

by the figures." Abel-Smith was rather good with figures, a strength lacking in most Labour activists. His work on this front helped secure the health services from serious political mauling for more than half a century. His other major academic

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impact was with Peter Townsend in rediscovering poverty. Their little book, The Poor and the Poorest, is as important a landmark in social politics of the post-war period as it is unreadwar period as it is unread-able. Ironically, had the ar-gument been presented in Townsend's outstanding prose it might have had far less influence. Such is the way of the world which never ceased to amuse the backroom boy who excelled in his self-imposed role.

Professor Robert Pinker writes: Brian Abel-Smith, the outstanding scholar of his generation, was a worthy successor to Richard Titmuss in the field of social policy and administration. He was also my tutor when I was an LSE student in 1956. He was then, as he contin-ued to be, a brilliant teacher and supervisor of doctural students. He was unfailingly rigorous in his expectations

and unfailingly generous in the support and help he matched the comparative range and technical depth of his understanding of the dynamics of social security and health care services.

He was a convivial man. an accomplished gardener and an enthusiastic travel ler - which was fortunate given the constant demands for his services from overseas governments. He exem plified one of the distinctive traditions of the LSE he loved in his dual commitment to the advancement of learning for its own sake and for the contribution it might make to the advance-

ment of human welfare. His students, like his friends, thought the world of him and those working in social policy and adminis-tration will miss him deeply.

November 6, 1926; died April



### The voice of her nation

a nation's identity, whose songs are markers for was Lola "la Grande" Beltran who has died in Mexico City people's lives. Such a singer at the estimated age of 67. 'I have spent my life living and writing, loving and travelling with the voice of Lola Beltran close to me," confessed the Mexican writer, Carlos Fuentes two years ago, "on re-cords, over the airwaves, but above all, in the soundtrack of memory."

Fuentes spoke for millions.

After lying in state in Mexico City's Palacio de Bellas Artes. la Grande was carried to her mining town of Sinaloa.

Lola's rags to riches biography is the stuff of Latin American soap opera, and parallels the lives of her North American counterparts such as Tammy Wynette and Loretta Lynn. Lola's father. Pedro. was a mine manager, and her was a mine manager, and her nother kept house. Through the latter's singing Lola developed her own passion for music: she sang for the Carmelite nuns at her school and for friends — who charged ing gorgeous rings, and pull-decade earlier the young stu-line in the lotal that her is the latter's singing Lola developed her own passion for she became synonymous. She would be decked out in a louded a version of Tomas Mendez's hit for Beltran Paloma Negra — recorded as ingular melite nuns at her school and frilled dress, jewelled, flash-for friends — who charged ing gorgeous rings, and pull-decade earlier the young stu-line louded a version of Tomas Mendez's hit for Beltran Paloma Negra — recorded as singer, born 1929; died March 24, 1996

Lola was in her early twen-ties when, in 1953, her mother took her to Mexico City, Latin America's record and filmmaking capital, to get her into show business. Lola took a

job as a secretary in the local radio station, XEW. It was a shrewd move: she came into contact with Mariachi Vargas, the station's resident mu-sicians and the country's leading mariachi band. Through them also she met the songwriter. Tomas Mendez, who was to present her with a catalogue of hits. Only with a catalogue of hits. Only after she appeared on the station's weekly talent contest did the band realise she had an exceptional voice. She was hired, a radio series fol-

lowed as did the first of more than 90 records and she was to feature in around 50 musical films. Forty years later Beltran revealed that she still crossed herself in thanks every time she passed XEW. La Grande's contralto voice

UST occasionally a other people a cant apiece to ing the trademark shawl singer emerges whose hear that voice.

Lola was in her early twending exaggerated despair. backed by a vast mariachi band, she would slip from confidentiality and barelysung whispers into long dra-matically-held notes, her voice suffused with tears. Her signature tune Cu Curru Cu Cu Paloma is an extraordinary example of her skill, complete with an imitation of

a dove's cooing.

ET WITHIN a form which often slipped into self-caricature, Loia retained authenticity, avoiding excessive sen-timentality and kitsch. Ranchera demands expressive ness, and Lola had it in large quantities. Even in her earliest songs — still amongst the most poignant — she revealed tremendous range.

La Grande's reputation spread beyond Mexico. The Tex-Mex country rock singer Linda Ronstadt paid her own tribute to Lola in her 1988 album, Mas Canctones which

l dent Pedro Almodovar was amongst the audience at a Spanish royal command per-formance by Beltran. Thus was her Soy Infeliz (I Am Unhappy) to feature as the opening theme for his eighties movie. Woman on the Verge of a Nervous

Lola's last battle became a dramatic event, too, in mid-March her heart stopped for seven minutes before doctors could revive her. "I resisted death," she told her buildeath," ane told her buil-fighter husband Alfredo Leal and singer daughter Marie-lena as they sat by her bed-side in the Hospital of the Angels. "I struggled with all my might. I will never forget those moments. Our Lord in his infinite mercy, gave me a little more time to live."

A week later, she died of a stroke. "Passion and desire, joy and risk," observed Car-los Fuentes, "and the cry for existence, are the wings of this dove that is the voice of our lady, Lola Beltran."



La Grande . . . the sound of 'passion and desire, joy and risk'

#### Letters

Paul Z Jackson writes: Many listeners to Round Britain Quiz will have enjoyed the intellectual sense of humour of Gordon Clough (Obituaries, April 8). He set many of the questions and took great de-light in tempting panelists with false trails and helping them out of cui-de-sacs with improvised assistance. He would then annoy a sizeable chunk of the letter-writing audience by awarding generous marks to the regional teams, so they could keep up with the London regulars of Irene Thomas and Eric Korn.

As the programme's producer, I enjoyed his skill in extracting information often against the clock from contestants who did not know they knew the answers. The only time we had to scrap a question was when a Mid-iands team insisted they never watched television, and refused to identify the theme tune to *Dr Kildars*. He even enabled the Irish team to link the Pope to the Beatles, through a lengthy tract of Latin and the names John and Paul - necessary be-cause they hadn't heard of the Fab Four. The only sadness was editing Gordon's coughs sign of his worsening emphysema, out of the tapes

Correction: Having divorced, Gordon Clough and his wife-Carolyn remarried in 1994.

#### **Birthdays** Severiano Ballesteros.

golfer, 39; Jean-Paul Belmondo, actor. 63; Iain Duncan-Smith, Conservative MP. 42: Lord (Gerry) Fitt, 70: Hannah Gordon, actress, 55; Roger Harrison, chairman, Toynbee Hall. 63; Hugh Hef-ner, Playboy publisher. 70; Tom Jackson, former postmens' leader, 71; Alan Knott, cricketer, 50; Tom Lehrer, songwriter, 68; Martin Margiela, fashion designer, 42; Peter Moores, director and heir, Littlewoods Pools, 64; Alex Moulton, bicycle de-signer, 76, The Rt Rev Gerald Moverley, Roman Catholic Bishop of Hallam. 74; Sara Parkin, environmentalist, 50; Carl Perkins, rock singer and guitarist, 64; Dennis Quaid, actor, 42; Ann Robinson, toxicologist, 63; Richard Rose, po-itical scientist, 63; Valerie Singleton, broadcaster, 59.

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#### Out of the blue

EVEN THE seemingly harmless assumption that an "av-erage" number of asteroids strikes the Earth each year may be misleading. Consider the word "average" carefully. For example, the death toll from natural disasters such as earthquakes, hurricanes. typhoons, tornadoes, droughts, floods and land-slides is dominated by the very largest of these events. In a typical century these ter-restrial horrors will have a much larger body count than the asteroid impacts. But there is one major dif-ference between the two

classes of holocaust. Terres-

trial disasters are limited in their extent. Floods, for exam ple, usually affect only a single river system. The na-ture of crustal fault systems means that earthquakes larger than 10 on the Richter scale cannot occur. With extraterrestrial hazards, there are no limits. They can devas-tate the whole globe. The "av-erage" of 2,450 deaths a year (due to impacting objects) could mean that no one dies for 9,999 years, and then 24.5 million people perish the

Can something be done about the asteroids that are on a collision course with Earth? Here we encounter a host of problems. First, find your asteroid. Astronomers estimate that more than 2,000 bodies larger than a kilometre across traverse the Earth's orbit each year. Reduce the search size to 0.25 kilometres and the number leaps to 200,000. Each of these 250-metre impactors would produce a more powerful explosion — greater than a billion tonnes of TNT. David Hughes looks up to the

Iron And Ice by John Lewis (Addison-Wesley) in the New Scientist.

#### Underground

EYELESS, faceless, legless ibe — O worm, you're not much

imbued; Yet, living drainpipe, burrowing ground, Digesting earth and makng mounds You plough, aerate, and slowly harrow. To help us grow sweet peas

Heartless, though, you can't be called; As you've got five of these, I'm told; Drying out is your pet hate Because you have to

And those who think when you're chopped in two; There'll be twice as many

of you, Are WRONG. That's not your feature; You're a complex, warm

and lovely creature.

And although you don't eem to have much sense. In the soil you're very

I know you've really got a (or "ganglion"), you're ar-

eal brain "drain" I'll finish now and say (Charles Darwin wrote a

We'll give you lots of humus to chew, Just count on us. we count Juse Warrender's Ode To The Worm, printed in this month's Community Recycling News. Thanks to Mike Thornton.

better eulogy but this will do).

Colour bind THE FIRST girl I fell in love with was a blue eyed blonde, with was a blue-eyed blodge, and for a period of three or four years I only went out with white girls. Now, for the past two years. I have only dated black girls... I met my current girlfriend at a friend's place. It all happened in a work network. in a very natural way . . . I didn't consider, or even give a thought to the fact that she

was black...The main problem we experience is having to deal with society and its hypocrisy. The worst is coming back from the cinema at 11pm and running into older guys in suits who are making their way home from the pub. I find that when the older generation gets drunk, the worst racist stereotypes about middle England come out and nothing can keep their mouths shut. These older white guys are unbearable, guys who walk up to my

This happens almost daily in Brixton where we live... Some go as far as saying to her, just as I stand there next to her, "Why are you going out with this white oppressor?" This is so hypocritical, especially when I consider that a lot of my black friends boast about being down with their sisters, but will seize the first opportunity to go with the freckled redhead in

the fish-n-chip shop . . . I also

excuse to start a conversation

girlfriend and find any

where they can call her

have to admit that I see a lot of my white friends treating their black girlfriends like sex objects or prostitutes, because of this black sexuality myth. It has taken a while, but I now feel comfortable with my position in society a a white, Jewish B-boy, who happens to be attracted to a race that doesn't always accept me for who I am. The urban music and style

mag True looks at interracial



relationships in this extract from one of five intervieus.

#### No cracks 1. DO YOU ever use more lip

balm than you planned? 2. HAS THE use of lip balm interfered with your job?
3. IS YOUR lip balm use causing conflict with your spouse ing conflict with your spouse or family?

4. DO YOU feel depressed, guilty, or remorseful after you use lip baim?

5. HAVE YOU ever lied to or misled those around you about how much or how often you use?

you use?
6. DO YOU ever wish that you had never taken that first application or hit of lip balm?
7. DO YOU use lip balm in

your car, at work, in the bath-room, on airplanes, or other public places?
8. ARE YOU experiencing fi-nancial difficulties due to your lip balm use? 9. DO YOU experience an an-

ticipation high just knowing you are about to use lip balm?

10. WITHOUT using lip balm, do you have difficulty sleeping without taking a drink or another drug?

11. ARE YOU absorbed with the thought of getting coated even while interacting with a friend or loved one? 12. HAVE YOU begun to use lip balm while alone? 13. HAVE ANY of your friends or family suggested that you may have a

problem? 14. HAVE YOU tried to quit or cut down on your lip balm use only to find that you couldn't? 15. DO YOU ever have feel-

ings that people are talking about you or watching you? From the Self-Test for Lip Balm Addiction on the Lip Baim Anonymous homepage on the Internet (http://user-s.aol.com/LipBalmA/). Tomorrow, the pain, the suffering, the lows and highs of ad-diction as Lip Balm junkies tell

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# Finance Guardian

### London braced for shares turmoil as Dow plummets American Notebook

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EARS of an end to UK interest rate cuts are expected to lead to a plunge in share prices today following a weekend of turmoil in American fi-

of turmoil in American fi-nancial markets.
US share and bond prices plummeted after publica-tion of economic data on Friday, with the Dow Jones index falling 146 points at one stage yesterday. The turmoil was sparked by fears that strong US growth fears that strong US growth will prevent further interest rate cuts and could even

Any rise in US rates

cult for Chancellor Kenneth Clarke to cut UK rates. The Dow Jones fell by more than 100 points when New York trading began yesterday, in reaction to employment data released on Friday when the market

was closed.
One US fund manager said: "It's a blood-bath, but one that was very much ex-pected after Friday's em-ployment data and the subsequent reaction in the Prices in the bond mar-kets also continued the fall

which began on Friday, as fears that stronger-than-expected economic growth could lead to higher infla-tion and an early rise in in-

than expected.

The mood on Wall Street was said to have changed from guardedly optimistic after the initial shock of February's employment February's employment data to gloomy following Friday's news. Non-farm employment in March jumped by 140,000, more than double Wall Street's expectations. The rise in February payrolls was revised downward to 624,000 from 705,000, but the data showed the economy was stronger than foremy was stronger than fore-

**Red Rose Economics** 

ket has been that economic growth will accelerate from the trend of 1994 and 1995," tee is scheduled for May 21. One bond strategist said. Economists still expect will be no boom and the "The ultimate test will be whether the growth evidenced in the employment report translates into price pressures in the next few months."

An early indication will come later this week with the publication of producer and consumer price index Evidence of rising prices

would prevent the Federal Reserve from following its last three interest rate cuts. The Fed last lowered rates on January 31, with a quarter-point reduction to 5.25 per cent. The next on the verge of a serious

rates to fall on the Conti-nent, but a halt to the downward trend in the US, let alone any increase, would make it much more difficult for British rates to come down again.

In a report published today, however, economists at HSBC Greenwell predict that UK rates will end the year at 5 per cent, down from 6 per cent now. They argue that the rise in UK unemployment this year heralds a new attack on jobs in manufacturing. nufacturers could be

rise on spending will not alone be enough to keep manufacturing afloat. The danger must now be that the stock clear-out in manufacturing becomes a new recession

James Capel economist Stephen King warned that the impact of US figures on European markets was likely to be limited. "When the February non-farm payrolls came out, the knock on effect in terms of the European markets was quite small," he said. "This looks like a specific US

### Little reason for growth phobia



Mark Tran

ESPITE yesterday's turbulence on Wall Street, it is safe to bet that the Federal Reserve will leave interest rates alone at its next policy meeting at the end of

May. To the surprise of the US jobs were created in March. about twice general expectations. That came on top of the 624.000 new jobs in February, down from the initial estimate of 705,000 but still a hefty number.

The bond market took fright at the March jobs figures as the benchmark 30year treasury bond rose almost two points, sending long-term rates to their highest level since August, at 6.82 per cent. Some Wall Street economists now worry that the economy is growing too fast. So expectations of Fed easing are giving way to an anticipation of monetary tightening later in the year. The hand-wringing in the bond market underlines the new conventional wisdom that growth above 2.5 per cent will ignite inflation. The Clinton administration has adopted this low-growth dent at times whinges about

the Fed's meagre target. ton had to shift the terms of debate at the Fed flew out the window when New York in-vestment banker Felix Roha-tyn withdrew his name for Fed vice-chairman, under a concerted Republican assault.

gued that the economy can and must grow more quickly to deal with the critical issues confronting the US: taming the budget deficit, getting to grips with social problems and achieving a higher stan-dard of living. Mr Clinton did not fight very hard for Mr Rohatyn and has put forward Alice Rivlin, formerly of the Congressional Budget Office. She is respected but is not an advocate of faster growth.

LOW growth could pose a political problem for Mr Clinton in the presidential race although now he is the firm favourite. Even the most optimistic forecasters do not expect gross domestic product to grow by more than 2.3 per cent this year. That compares with 2.7 per cent in George Bush packing by promising to reinvigorate a

sluggish economy. The argument against faster growth is that the US has reached the non-accelerating inflation rate of unemployment (Nairu), often dubbed the "natural rate of unemployment", below which inflation kicks in According to this theory, as long as unemployment stays below that rate, inflation will keep rismists, the current rate of 5.6 per cent indicates that the economy is running at full

speed.
But, as Professor Robert
Eisner of Northwestern University argues, the natural rate of unemployment theory falls short in many real-life situations. In the US, the natural rate of unemployment has ranged from 5.3 per cent in 1947 to 6.3 per cent from 1977 to 1980 and 5.8 per cent today. Yet Prof. Eisner points out that there has been no evidence of continuously acceler ating inflation when unem-ployment fell below its

designated natural rate. In Europe, unemployment rates of 11 per cent in Germany and 12 per cent in France — presumably above their natural rates of unemployment — should have turned inflation into accelerating deflation, but that has ating deflation, but that has not happened. In Japan, un-employment was for long about 2 per cent and even now, in a recession, is in the 3 per cent range, with no accelerating inflation.

Against higher growth is and improved enough to sustain faster economic activity.
Non-inflationary growth de-pends on growth in the work force and growth in produc-tivity — output per hour of work. With labour growth projected to be about 1.2 per cent a year to the end of the decade, workers would have to boost their efficiency sharply from the average rate of 1 per cent in the 1980s to lift growth trends. The consensus is that productivity growth of 1.1 per cent in the 1990s barely supports 2.5 per cent

economic growth.

It is possible, however, that government statistics are underestimating productivity. As Edward Yardeni, chief economist with Deutsche Morgan Grenfell, argues, it is output, especially in service sectors, where technology has become a big factor. Because of that difficulty, input costs are used instead, an approach skewed towards underestimat-

ing productivity. The replacement of bank tellers by cash dispensing machines, for example, is ig-nored. If the government is underestimating productivity growth, then current productivity levels could well sus-tain brisker economic

Corporate chiefs in the US feel that better use of technology has made workers more productive and chafe at this growth straitjacket imposed by the Fed, arguing that the economy should get back to the 3 per cent-plus growth rates of the 1970s. In the 1960s, GDP growth was even perkier at an average 4.4 per cent. In any case, bond market

economy are almost certainly misplaced. Global economic activity is only just recover-ing, providing little help for the US economy, where the outlook for capital investment, construction, exports or government spending is none too bright. The possibility of economic growth attaining 3 per cent is remote, so talk of tightening monetary ing, ultimately into hyper-inflation. To many econo-policy sounds premature.

#### Sellers of electrical goods facing two investigations for price of one

THE market for electrical goods is coming under renewed scrutiny by competition authorities as the Monopolies Commission investigates the suppliers' power and the Office of Fair Trading focuses on

Roger Cowe

product warranties. competitve action by banks
Warranties can add up to 15 percentage points to tions. Midland Bank's gross profit margins of direct sales operation, First electrical retailers such as Direct, is considering offer-

remain a target of the Office of Fair Trading.
In a report published today, Verdict predicts that the Office of Fair Trading will return to the issue of warranty profits despite al-

ready having issued two reports on the subject. In its original report in December 1994 the OFT demanded that shops give customers more informaion about the cost of taking out warranty policies to pay for service if a product breaks down. But in a subwere still not providing enough information, de-spite establishing a code of Verdict believes that fur

ther action is inevitable. It is not clear how the regulators can intervene directly to force shops to lower the cost of policies, but one solution could be Dixons, according to retail ing extended warranties on market analysts Verdict Research, which says they financial services financial services businesses are believed to

be eyeing the market. Any attack on warranty profits could be disastrous for retailers. whose product profit margins are extremely thin.

Sales have been buoyant recently, with an increase of 11 per cent last year. But prices remain remarkably similar from store to store. The Monpolies Commission is therefore investigating the links between retailers and the handful of global suppliers who produce the sequent survey the OFT majority of electrical concluded that retailers goods.

### **Labour hits** at fat cats 'collusion'

Richard Thomas

ABOUR will step up its campaign against boardroom "fat cats" this week, aboad of a Stock Exchange bid to block proposals for full disclosure of the cost of company directors' pension payments.

Gordon Brown, the shadow chancellor, will accuse the Government and big business of colluding to dilute last year's recommendation from the Greenbury committee that the full capital costs of executive pensions be de-tailed in company reports. A Stock Exchange response

to the Greenbury proposals, expected later this week, is thought to reject full disclodown measure of pension

The exchange is falling into | full-cost calculations. British Industry which fearful of adverse public reaction to the huge sums in-volved — has mounted an effective behind-the-scenes campaign against full disclo-

A paper prepared in secret for Mr Brown by a prominent pensions expert shows that the 1994 pay rise awarded to Cedric Brown, the chief executive of British Gas, would have been even more explosive if the effect on his pension had been included.

His £200,000 salary boos would push up the total cost of providing his pension from £2.4 million to £5.5 million the research shows.

Investors, represented by the National Association of Pension Funds, have called

Children spend

most on sweets,

writes Cliff Jones

HILDREN have never had it so good, according to a report published today. Pocket money stands at £2.40 a week on avertical to the stands at £2.40 a week o

erage, 17 per cent more than last year, according to a sur-

vey by Birds Eye Wall's. Children in Scotland fared

best, with £3.07 per week. The worst off lived in the Mid-

New teenagers felt the

New teenagers left the pinch more than other age groups. Young people aged 11 to 13 received the smallest pocket money increase: their average weekly pay increased by only 3 per cent to £2.73. Those in the 14-16 year age bracket were naid II par cent

bracket, were paid 11 per cent

more, £4.40 on average. Odd-job earnings added an

extra £1,22, or 89 per cent, to

average weekly income. Girls increased their income by 65

per cent, boys by only 17 per

Combined income for UK

children averaged £4.85, 18 per cent more than last year. Children in Scotland received

a 25 per cent raise to an aver-

a 25 per cent raise to an average total income of £6.05 while young Londoners settled for £5.38. The only pay decrease was in the Northwest, where income went down by 3 per cent to 22 ar

down by 3 per cent to £3.97. Many children admit that

lands with only \$2.15.

but save more,

Pocket money

soars by 17pc

"We will be pressing for full disclosure of the cost to com-panies of providing these pen-sions. Meanwhile, the Government, which promised at the time of the Greenbury report to introduce legislation if necessary, is trying to water it down." Government hopes that Stock Exchange listing rules

could be used in place of legis-lation to bring about reform had been misplaced, he said. In the latest round of the squabble, the Faculty of Actu-aries and Institute of Actuaries (FIA) delivered a report to the Stock Exchange, setting out the options for disclosure.

The exchange is likely to call for a half-way house, which costs pensions on an "accruals" basis. The FIA is now thought also to favour this system, after retreating from its earlier insistence on

out pension payments over a whole term of office, and is based on the amount a retired director will receive each year. The Greenbury sugges-tion is the "transfer value" approach — the amount of capital a firm has to put aside to meet the bills or to move the pension to another firm. On an accruals basis, Ce dric Brown's pension would have increased from £180,000 to £316,000 in 1994, according

to Labour's paper. Labour will criticise this option as out of keeping with Greenbury's emphasia on transparency. "Unless you give the full value of pensions, less than half the picture is given," Gordon Brown said.

"I hold the Government res ponsible for not acting decifor full implementation of the Greenbury proposals.

Last night, Mr Brown said: cess of dilution to take place."

vey of 600 young people, con-ducted last year by TSB, revealed that almost 80 per cent of them believed that

they could work harder for their money. Most agreed that they have it easier than their

parents did when they were

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spending habits were un-

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found that the number of chil-dren saving had reached the highest level in the survey's

22-year history.

The finding echoes a similar study from the Alliance & Leicester which revealed that

nine out of ten people aged 11

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I'LL SHOW YOU

MY WAD IF YOURS

Despite the changes in

### Workers put a stake up for sale Richard Thomas continues the week's series STAKEHOLDING, Labour's new "big idea", is old hat to employees of

testing out Labour's policies

FI Group. "We've never called ourselves a stakeholding company," says chief executive Hilary Cropper. "Maybe we don't need to — we just do it." Since the information technology company was estab-lished in 1962 by East Euro-pean emigré Stave Shirley, it has done everything New Labour wants: consultative committees, a community affairs manager, participative decision-making and — since 1991 — employee share own-

Over half the equity is owned by the 1,500 workers. According to Ms Cropper, who orchestrated the emplayee buy-out, the fusing of personal with corporate interest has been the driving force behind last year's 57 per cent increase in pre-tax profits. But tomorrow, FI faces the biggest test in its history, when public trading in its shares begins. Ms Shirley, the

founder, is unhappy with the move, fearing that the ethos of partnership will be eroded. Staff, while supporting the change, are also nervous. Lis Barlow Jones, an employee for 10 years, says: "It is a bit of a gamble. The biggest fear is that we will be taken over." Ms Cropper says such fears are based on a misplaced view of the stock market.
"You might think the City
would be worried by our
structure, but the opposite is
the case," she says. "The institutions we have spoken to have been auxious that we

ment. They can see that it is part of our competitive armoory."
Ethical funds have shown a keen interest in FI, precisely because of the share ownership approach, and the flota-tion has been comfortably

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over-subscribed.
"If stakeholding can only work in private companies, then the idea is pretty lim-ited," Ms Cropper says. Blam-ing the moneymen is pointing spent on ice cream and ing second and music third.

More young people were
saving for the future. Wall's the finger in the wrong direc-

RENTOKIL's chief execu-

who will decide this week whether to increase his bid

for business services rival

BET, made more than 64 mil-

lion from share options last

The Rentokil annual report,

posted to shareholders over

Thompson exercised outlons

over more than 2 million

shares which were first

granted between 1989 and 1991.

He paid between 620 and

109p per share — the market price at the time the options were granted. The shares had

the weekend, shows Mr

Rentokil chief £4m richer after

cashing in on share options

Chief executive Hilary Cropper says City institutions favour FI's employee shareowners tion: it is company managers ship in the firms people work than fiddling with corporate who need to buck up.

Labour's strategy for corpogains from own-company ship. It is hard to be a stakewho need to buck up.
Labour's strategy for corpo-rate stakeholding is certainly

based as much on exhortation as on legislation — although the adoption of the EC directive on works councils, and beefed up shareholder powers re on the agenda. Last night, shadow chancel

lor Gordon Brown said it was wrong to impose across the board solutions. "The purpose is to give workers more opportunity to participate in the decisions that affect the company. But this can take many different forms," has said. "Worker-directors, for example, may be fine in one place, but not the answer else-where."

risen in value to just over 23 each by the time he exercised the options, giving him a profit of \$4.6 million.

Mr Thompson, who has suc-

cessfully pursued a target of 20 per cent increases in earn-

ings per share each year, also

saw his pay rise by more than £100,000 last year because of a

higher bonus pay-out. Mr

salary of £480,000 and a bonus

of £320,000, up from £276,000

last year. With other benefits, his

total pay reached £857,000, 15 per cent higher than in

In a message to sharehold

ers with the annual report, he

said BET had run out of argu-

But Ms Cropper says gov-ernment could do more to encourage wider share owner-

chares exempt from capital

Although this is unlikely to be taken up, Labour's plans to offer a lower rate of CGT for people who hold shares for a long period would have a similar effect. Even with additional incen-

tives, Ms Cropper admits that a rush towards employee share ownership is unlikely, partly because of poor management — but also because many workers cannot afford to defer part of their income into shares. FL stuffed full of highly paid graduates, is scarcely typical.

Many Labour front-bench-

ers argue that tackling unem-ployment, low pay and poor skills are more important

earnings per share and a profit of 19420 million, but the market is now-worrying about how it will cope with

### This week

Tony May

# quizzed on prospects in case it did not deserve to escape the clutches of Kvaerner of

difficult conditions. Dealers are braced for a less than upheat trading statement after a

EW companies time their results to coincide with a holiday period, so Jefferson Smurfit, the Irish paper and packaging group, will have the spotlight pretty much to

#### The post-holiday spotlight picks out Irish paper firm

Profits should be up from last year's £20 million to It should have enjoyed a vintage year with trabled Pocal Penne Dominst, Bulletine Mining, Lloyds Abbey Life, Pendragon, Zotsfoarus.
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Only the state can deliver

the goods here — the notion of companies acting as agents

of social change in their local communities is a pipe dream, as Ms Cropper makes plain. "To talk about the commu-

nity as a stakeholder is just daft," she says. "Companies are there to create wealth."

The FI view of stakeholding

is uncompromising: it works

because of a high degree of overlap between workers and owners. It is not a dressed-up social policy but a demonstra-

bly competitive strategy

will thrive even on the roller-

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Only time will tell

Norway earlier this year.

shareholder value.

The group has lined up a series of disposals to raise

C150 million and belp boost





#### Racing

### Jodami finds Gale too strong

Chris Hawkins sees British runners fill minor places in Irish National

EATHERED GALE won the Jameson Irish Grand National by eight lengths from the English challenger Jodami yesterday but the bare result gives little indication of what a thrilling race this

Cool Dawn, trained in Somerset by Robert Ainer, had set a furious pace and was still in front turning Go Gallant and Feathered Gale were snapping at his beels in hot pursuit.

With two to jump, if asked to name the winner,

most spectactors would no doubt have plumped for Jo-dami, with his ears pricked and on whom Mark Dwyer bad not moved a muscle.

But those who know this horse well would have been far less confident and sure ceive, finding disappoint-ingly little when let down

approaching the last.

In telling contrast, however, Feathered Gale had been the first to come under pressure and Franny Woods began to roust him



Star show . . . Regal Archive, right, takes the Stark Maiden Stakes under a confident ride from John Reid at Kempton yesterday

more he got and the geld-ing, who loves fast ground, ran out a totally convincing

winner.
This was a second Irish
National for Woods, successful on Son of War two

more Woods asked for the Grand National like my Dido Harding, really did more he got and the geld-late father Dan, who sucing, who loves fast ground, ceeded with Tied Cottage in One would have thought late father Dan, who suc-ceeded with Tied Cottage in 1979."

Cool Dawn ran a fine race and plugged on to finish third after showing tremencessful on Son of War two
years ago, but a first for
trainer Arthur Moore who
commented: "It has been an
ambition of mine to train
the winner of the Irish hunter, normally ridden by

the stronger handling would have made a difference but Cool Dawn seemed

just too full of himself.

ground was probably against this seven-year-old.

Go Go Gallant faded in into the race, so fast was the final quarter mile to finish fourth, his jumping Norman Conqueror was Norman Conqueror was one of those taken off his tending to fall apart as Charlie Swan asked for feet and, after struggling for most of the trip, was pulled-up along with Flasheverything but the fast

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ground was proparty against this seven-year-old.
Richard Dunwoody's mount Lord Singapore was in contention when falling seven out but a lot of the runners simply failed to get spine-tingler.

### Cochrane pips **Eddery twice** for a double

AY COCHRANE got his timing right with a vengeance at Kempton Park yesterday when swooping late to snatch the Westminster Taxi Insurance Rosebery Handigan on Hazard A bery Handicap on Hazard A Guess, writes Chris Hawkins. Pat Eddery seemed to have the prize within his grasp for

the second year running on Special Dawn but no horse has ever done the double in this race and Hazard A Guess foiled his gallant effort in the final strides.

Trainer David Nicholls, famous as a jockey for his association with that wonderassociation with the winner out of Lynda Rams-den's stable two months ago and sweatened the six-yearold gelding with a run in a ladies' race at Doncaster on the opening day of the

"He's been working really well lately and was not un-fancied." said Nicholls of his 10-1 winner. "Ian Blakey, his owner, was coming but rang me this morning to say he'd had a glass of wine too many last night and would be watching on television."

Cochrane was in devastat-ing form and struck again in similar style when getting the old campaigner Hard To Figure up to beat Eddery and Easy Dollar in the Quail

Softh race and 14th victory but he will not be resting on his laurels because Ron Hodges, his trainer, intends to have him out again next week in the Abernant Stakes at Namen second to Flying In-

Cecil commented: "I didn't really fancy her that much and a place was the best I was

hoping for."

He has a strong hand of three-year-old fillies, however, and expects to reintroduce his 1,000 Guineas favouritte Bosting State at Newbury Darling Stakes at Newbury next week.

Another Newmarket trainer registering his first

success was Luca Cumani whose Lucky Di streaked home in the Magnolia Stakes in the hands of Frankie Regal Archive rewarded favourite backers in the first

division of the Stark Maiden Stakes although it was not until well inside the final fur-long that John Reid brought him on the scene.

Peter Chapple-Hyam, the colt's trainer, will aim him for the Italian Guineas, having saddled Prince Arthur to win that Classic last season. Incredibly, there is no Flat racing today except on the all weather at Southwell where Jarab (2.30) looks one of the best bets.

Figure up to beat Eddery and Easy Dollar in the Quail
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This was the ten-year-old's on which he has won eight

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# **England put on TV spot**

NGLAND will today | years ago was acrimonious, | over three years. Its value is be asked to accept a | with the RFU demanding the | estimated to have risen threebe asked to accept a 10-year agreement guaranteeing the four the money generated from the Five Nations Championship television contract or face expulsion from the competition

The Five Nations committee gathers in London with feelings again running high over the issue of television money. The Scottish, Welsh and Irish unions have united against the Rugby Football Union which has indicated it wants a 60 per cent cut from the new contract starting in

place.
The current contract with the BBC is worth £27 million

bulk of the money on the fold since 1994, a figure which grounds that it provided the vast majority of the viewing would be inflated consider: bly if satellite or cable televipopulation, but it was forced to climb down at the 11th sion became involved.

contract. If England refuse to

Sky has been talking to the First Division clubs in Enghour in the most public of land and Wales about funding The other three unions breakaway competitions and has also had meetings with have sought to pre-empt a repetition by drawing up a 10-year agreement for a four-way split of the money. regardless of who wins the representatives of the home Sky has been told that it has no chance of securing the contract exclusively but there

sign, plans have been agreed to show them the door with is every possibility of a shared satellite-terrestrial bid Italy invited to take their being considered favourably: Sky showing one of the two

Sky. The contract could ultibut extended beyond three years. This is why Scotland, Wales and Ireland are determined not to concede the

equal-share principle.

The unions would still be free to negotiate their own domestic rugby but England would probably make more money by going it alone, given the relationship tha RFU has established with

Sky. England have talked about playing South Africa, New

or ITV screening the other. Zealand and Australia regularly on a home-and-away entered the fray and is said to basis. The other three home unions, with the backing of France, are taking a detergaining positions would be appreciably weaker were fixture lists. A feeling is also said to

exist within the RFU that the championship is not conducive to the more fluid game England are trying to play. The visit of England is seen as the biggest game of the sea-son by each host union and these matches are invariably attritional affairs in which

England have made overtures to Wales to join them in a breakaway but have been rebuffed by them, leaving Twickenham to stand alone. France is siding with the other three and there have been suggestions in Paris that the French federation would accept as members any English club which broke away from their union in the row over players' contracts and the right of clubs to nego-tiate television contracts.

Today's meeting promise to be heated but England will be told there will be no brink manship this time round: they must either accept the

Bond breaks in at last gasp

Snooker

world No. 12 who had won only one match in six previous tour-s, came back from the brink of defeat yesterday to win his first world-ranking title. He best the holder John Higgins 9-8 in a remarkable finish to the British Open, the ninth and penultimate rank-ing tournament of the season. Higgins led him 69-0 in the deciding frame but then admitted to making a crucial mistake by "just potting the black instead of playing

proper position". Bond agreed: "He could have screwed back for a choice of three reds into the same pocket but he left one to a middle pocket be could miss." Higgins did miss it and, although the black had left Bond needing a snooker. he obtained it on the last red. There was a safety duel on the pink which Higgins attempted at long range for the match but ultimately it was Bond's do-or-die shot, a fine cut black from distance, which landed him the £60,000

"I wouldn't have gone for it has a major final been won by

was four more times the odd frame ahead without ever being able to open a two-

frame gap.
"Nigel deserves it. He's waited a long time," said Higgins, "But I've won 532,000. This isn't a disappointment in comparison with losing your

job and being on the dole. I'll bounce back." Bond, a world runner-up to Stephen Hendry a year ago and loser of three other rank ing finals, beat Hendry here in the last 16 and will go to The Crucible in Sheffield on April 20 with an important career peak climbed.

Higgins, attempting to win his third ranking title of the season and sixth in all, was happy to be only 4-3 adrift at lunch, having made several mistakes, two of which cost him frames directly.

At 7-6 down Higgins equalised with 97 and, when Bond went one up with two to play with a break of 122, he resto take the contest the full

Then came the memorable climax. Not since Jimmy White beat Cliff Thorburn in the 1986 Mercantile Classic normally but I had no hesita-tion," said Bond, who had led the deciding frame.

Hockey

### **Cullen rounds** off with gold

IGHTOWN, so close to a European title so often, finally came away with a gold in the European Cup Winners' Cup at Rotterdam yesterday by beat-Rotterdam yesterday by beat-ing the German club Berliner liner circle and deceived the 2-1 in the final.

The win completed a full set of European medals for the Wirral club, after a Cup Win-ners' Cup silver in 1993 and indoor bronzes this year and

Hightown are the second the gold in the Cup Winners' Cup, emulating Sutton Coldfield's success in 1992. They also maintain England's fine record of always having The men's Cup Winners' Cup record is nearly as good, with medals every year ex-cept last. Guildford kept up Hague. Durkheimer, who beat

Gulldford in their semi-final, took the gold after a 2-2 draw and penalty barrage with the bosts HDM. Hightown owed much to Tina Cullen, who scored in all four games and hit both goals

with goals from Don Williams and Danny Hall before Francisco Cobos levelled. Hall yesterday to bring her cup tally to nine and head the goalscoring table. Her goals len can have done her Olym-

She gave Hightown the lead time shot after Yana Williams had crossed from the right When Berliner committed more to attack, Michaela Morton won a tackle on her own 25 and was able to feed Cul-German goalkeeper. Three minutes later Ber-

liner ensured a tense last five minutes for Hightown when Katrina Kauschke converted a stroke awarded for a stick tackle. Kauschke, Keller and Ruhnt, the vaunted Berliner English women's club to take | forwards, otherwise spent a frustrating afternoon against a tenacious and close-mark-

ing Hightown defence.
Two second-half corner goals by the player/coach Ian Jennings proved decisive for Guildford against Vaideluz after the teams had shared four goals in the first half. It took an outstanding corner save by Kevin Priday from Valdeluz of Spain in the Antonio Iglesias, between bronze medal match at The Jennings's goals, to keep

Guildford in front. The Spanish international Iglesias had converted a corner for the opening goal, only for Guildford to come back scored with his speciality, the

reverse-stick sweep. Scotland had mixed foryesterday were superbly tunes in the event. Their taken and, in such form, Cul- women managed to gain promotion but their men were relegated.

#### Sailing

#### Merricks on song for Atlanta

Bob Fisher in Mallorca

the Atlanta Games.

pic ambitions no harm.

JOHN MERRICKS and Ian Walker, Britam's representatives in the 470-class at the Olympics, yesterday scored a magnificent victory at Palma in the four-day Olympic classes regatta, de-feating eight other rivals for

They finished 10 points land and also saw off the Spain, Finland, Australia, Ukraine, Poland, Andorra and Cuba challenges.

"It's always good to win but especially good to beat Jordi Calafat on his home waters," said Merricks. The British pair, who were second in the world champi-

Spain's Jordi Calafat, with

his new crew Kiko Sanchez.

onship, opened in style with two seconds and a first in the 15-18 knot breeze. The next day the wind was lighter. six-10 knots, and they scored clear of Germany's Ronald a first, seventh and fourth.

Rensch and Thorsten Haver- They followed that by picking up a black flag for prema-

ture starting, but that could be discarded and half the 37boat fleet were also at fault. In In third place, four points the final race they came adrift of the Germans, was fourth with Rensch crossing the Olympic champion, in third and Calafat sixth.

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Printers at Uttorater today will have nearly \$2,000 extra added to the 2.40 race Title, carried over from yesterdays



Heineken League A'avon 13, Cardiff 41

### **Davies** strikes it richer

David Ptummer

DRIAN DAVIES guided Cardiff to maximum bonus points to renew their challenge to the leaders Neath, even though the for-mer Wales fly-half is in his last season with the club before joining Richmond along with his half-back colleague Andy Moore.

The pair will be at a press conference which Richmond have called for tomorrow morning. Davies was giving nothing away after the match but his body language indi-cated that his four-year career with Cardiff is coming

"I am a Cardiff player at the moment but I have had to make a decision about my future." he said. "Like all the other players at the Arms Park, my priority is holding on to the championship."

The Cardiff coach Terry Daviés, "The London clubs and Newcastle have money to throw around and it is a play-ers' market. I have told Cardiff that, if I am still in charge next season, I want Adrian as my outside-half but, if it comes down to money, we are

in no position to compete. 'I can see a lot more Welsh players joining English clubs. Adrian has been vital to us lost twice when he has been in the side. I do not want him to go but there is not much we

can do to stop him." Holmes said he would continue to select Davies even if his move is confirmed and even though he has Jonathan Davies, whose own future at Cardiff is also in doubt after his complaints about the

club's style of play, as an alternative. The two Davieses played yesterday, Jonathan appear-ing in the centre, but it was

one of Cardiff's seven tries. The wing Steve Ford races. crossed for three of them to leave him two short of the First Division record for a Benetton," said Briatore. "He season. But there is little sense of fulfilment in a competition in which the value of

their true worth devalued. all about preparing players for the international arena, said Adrian Davies. "In most Welsh matches the winners be tougher at Richmond.

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Revolving Volvo . . . Rick Rydell's car spins off the track on the opening lap of the first race at Donington Park yesterday, taking David Leslie's Honda right, with it. This and the day's other round of the Auto Trader RAC Touring Car Championship were won by the Touring Car World Cup champion Frank Biela. It was his first outing in an Audi, whose four-wheel-drive traction gave him a distinct advantage over his two-wheel-drive rivals yesterday. The former British champion Will Hoy, driving a Williams-run Renault Laguna, was second in both races

### Alesi geared up to challenge Hill

Alan Henry finds Benetton in bullish mood and impressed by their | bourne the two South Ameri- MPV/11 has delivered less by new man's discipline as the Formula One circus heads for Europe

is already taking bets that Jean Alesi will beat Damon Hill to the world title desnite the British driver consolidating his lead with another dominant victory in Sunday's Grand Prix of Argentina. He thinks Alesi will Adrian who dictated the win the European, Monaco course of the game, scoring and Spanish Grands Prix three out of the next four

"Jean has become very dishas the speed to win the petition in which the value of new technical developments Despite this optimism, ries has been increased but in the pipeline. I think we will Hill's win in Buenos Aires

ENETTON's team is also competitive in our mula One circus heads to chief Flavio Briatore car." He was running second is already taking bets in the closing stages. in the closing stages. This view of Alesi's increas-

ing maturity is endorsed by Benetton's technical director Ross Brawn. "He is becoming more methodical as he adapts to our way of operating, par-ticularly in testing. With Fer-rari they tended to try and take four steps forward and then wonder why they couldn't pinpoint which was right and which was not. We try to do things one step at a time. Jean found it frustrating at first but now he

ance Hill displayed in Brazil and Argentina took some of them by surprise.

Even so the signs are that Benetton. Williams's most effective rivals in the past three years, have demon-strated that Michael Schumacher's move to Ferrari has not blunted their competitive edge. But, if Benetton showed

they are close to Williams in new Ferrari F310s driven by at the European GP on April Schumacher and Eddie Irvine 28 at the Nurburgring where

breach between Ferrari's management and their chief designer John Barnard. The speculation was heightened by suggestions that Gary Anderson, Jordan-Peugeot's technical director, recently declined an offer to join the Italian team. will be hoping for a better performance from the new car in front of his home crowd

can grands prix saw the Fer-raris reacting violently to the

bumps of Interiagos and Bue-

nos Aires, and there is talk of a possible aerodynamic rede-

Rumours have also abounded of an impending

sign in the next few months.

Either way Schumacher championship and, with some understands."

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Schumacher and Eddie Irvine the smooth track should give the Ferrari a better chance of leg of the season gets into competing against Williams. Gerhard Berger unexpected worry as the For race of the season at Mel-

said: "We were far too slow." To take on the likes of Williams, Benetton and Ferrari requires considerable finan-cial and technical resource-

fulness. They spend big but wisely and have managed to combine technical excellence with shrewd commercial acu-

Bombay betting ring broken

### Cricket

INDIAN police have final between Sri Lanka and Pakistan in Singapore.

A police official said they seized two million rupees (£38,000), a personal com-

puter, a television set, 10 telephones, sound amplifi-Bombay and caught those ers, tape recorders and cal-arrested red-handed accept-ing bets on the Singer Cup is banned in India.

far than was expected, have

problems. They will be at Sil

versione later this week

mounting a renewed attempt to resolve the handling imbal-

ance that caused David

Coulthard to slip back to seventh place in the closing

stages in Buenos Aires. Nor stages in Buenos Aires. Not-bert Haug, the motor sport manager of Mercedes-Benz, which supplies the British-built V10 engines to McLaren,

#### **Table Tennis** Champions upset at start of historic tour

THE inaugural professional won the Barcelona men's saw him beaten 12-21, 14-21, tour opened with three up-sets at Kettering yesterday. These two also lost to the Aussingles champlon was Yang writes Richard Jago. The Seoul Olympic champion Chen Jing was beaten in the women's singles final and the

trians Schlager and Jindrak in the finals of this historic 61st English Open. Wang led his compatriot

new world No. 1 Jean-Michel Kong Linghui by two games
Sajve lost in the men's singles in the men's singles final hesemi-finals to Wang Tao, who fore a welter of odd mistakes fund of more than £320,000.

doubles title with Lu Lin. 21-14, 21-14, 21-14. The other These two also lost to the Aussingles champion was Yang Ying, an 18-year-old Chinese who prevailed 21-14, 11-21, 21-16, 21-18 over Chen Jing, now representing Taiwan. There are 10 tournaments in the tour and a total prize

World Cup. Police raided a flat in

UTTOXETER

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Ruby's Girl (5-11 3 ran 1, dist, 1% Sailey)
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UTTOXETER
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Provisory | 1006 LA.W. 21.10, E1.70, E1.20. Duel F. E. 20. CS. E. 22.82. 2.486: 1, #ARL YNGORNING LIGHT, 6 Harding (6-1): 2, Ageleted (6-4 text): 3, #Robert 15.30. E2.20, E1.30. Duel F. ER.30. CS. F. 28.72. NR: Monauphty Man. 2.166: 4, DEWITHCHAATA, P. Waggott (14-1): 2, Compt. Ted. Judy (11-1): 3, Rem. Rem. (14-1): 4, D'Arthing Street (5-1 jet. tax): 5-1 jet. tax Monary 21 tax. 9, 1 jpt. Spolitswood) Your 20.00. CS. 50, U. 2.80, E3.80, E2.50, U. 2.80, E3.80, E2.50, E3.80, E3.80,

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2.30: 1, OSBORRAL, CRACK, A P McCoy (11-10 Fav); 2, Tenriel Prince (33-1), 2, Lyme Bold (13-5), 7 rsn. 10, 20, (P Nicholis) Tons \$2.40; \$1.80, \$25.00. Duel F: \$47.70. \$CSF: \$29.78. 3.00: 1, TOMYS GFT, O Burrows (6-4 lav); 2, Severa Gric (10-1); 3, Tony's Mist (11-1), 7 ran, 25, 5, 1M Pipe) Tote: 52.40, 51.60, 52.40, Dual F 512.70, CSF 515.97

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2.30: 1, BLASKET HEBO, A P McCoy
(13-8): 2, Outlet Down: (6-4 tor.); 3, Course
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Tota: E2.60; C1.40, C1.70, Duel F: C3.20, CSF
C4.90,
4.00: 4, SPHNMING STEEL, S Burrough
(4-5 tor.); 2, Evening State (6-1), 3, Yeans
Samplife (9-4), 4 ran, 5, 25, (P Rodiced 17.11
C2.20, Duel F: E5.00, CSF 15.75,
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(11-8), 2, The Bounder [11-10 tor.), 3,
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Liverpool 2, W Ham 0

Sedate

**Reds on** 

**FA Cup** 

IVERPOOL took another three points but only entastrophic collapses

by Manchester United and Newcastle can make up for

Saturday's lapse at Coventry.
They played here as though,
subconclously, they had conceded the title and were con-

serving energy for the FA Cup final. After Roy Evans's criticism

of kamikaze football, this was a sedate Liverpool perfor-

mance. West Hain, who have not won at Anfield in 24 visits

over 32 years, simply fell on

their swords.

They managed only one shot in the first half, and that after more than 30 minutes' play in which Liverpool's

emergency defence had time to get used to each other.

With Wright, Babb, Jones and Harkness all injured and

and Matteo joined Scales at the back. They dealt easily with West Ham's increasingly

predictable diagonal passes from the centre to either wing

and, whenever the visitors did try to play through the middle, they were simply

by Barnes and executed

through Fowler produced the first of many shots Miklosko was to block. A minute inter Collymore provided a cross for Fowler, who celebrates his

21st birthday today but pref-

aced it with several near, if

exciting misses. West Ham, with only two

defeats in their last 10 games, seemed to have no ambition to take an Anfield scalp even

before Collymore scored with a stunning goal after 22 min-utes. Alert to every opportu-nity, he intercepted a pass from McAteer meant for Elembra and simply lashed it

Bjornbye and simply lashed it from 25 yards between goal-

Collymore again did the damage for Liverpool's second, firing in a shot from

an acute angle on the left. which Barnes, in front of

goal, deflected past Miklosko.

ter stab at the second half but not enough to make Liverpool

raise their game. The inclu-

sion of the young Portugal forward Dani made not a jot

of difference to West Ham's

handbags-at-five-paces attack and when, to great relief. Breacker did find the net

even the most partisan spec-

tator had to agree with the linesman that he was well

Collymore almost added a

spectacular third 20 minutes

from time, with a shot which a leaping Miklosko tipped on to the bar for a corner. Apart

from his goal, it was the only incident to raise the flicker of

an eyebrow, let alone the

keeper and near post.

watch

Premiership: Blackburn Rovers 2, Newcastle United 1

### **Newcastle hearts** broken by Fenton

David Lacey

WO GOALS in the the substitute Graham Fenton severely damaged Newcastle's title

They followed a goal by David Batty, who scored in the 76th minute and seemed to have won the game for the

Two minutes after replacing a fading Asprilla. Gillespie exchanged passes with Watson and laid the ball square for Batty to drive past Flowers from 20 yards.

Newcastle arrived at Ewood Park last night still chasing the day. Staggered kick-offs, courtesy of Sky television, had enabled Manchester United to double their lead at the top to six points while Kevin Keegan was still pon-dering how to defeat

in the event his ponderings appeared to produce little out of the ordinary. Again Gillespie began the match on the bench. This time, however, Beardsley, Newcastle's sav-iour against Queens Park iour against Queens Park the left and as the ball Rangers two days earlier, dropped, Beardsley flung began the match in his former himself headlong to meet it

dropped deeper on the right. Frailties at full-back have been part of Newcastle's prob-lem recently and the sight of Ripley and Wilcox lining up together for Blackburn for only the third time this season could not have been en-couraging. Indeed. Ripley's tures towards the interval. pace gave Beresford trouble Late in the half Ferdina

The first clear opening arrived after 15 minutes when Shearer guided a ball from Wilcox out to Ripley, now in space on the left. The route to goal was clear but Ripley's shot created no difficulties for

Hislop by the near post.

Midway through the first half Shearer instigated a smartly-worked flank move-ment with Ripley and Flit-croft only to meet the latter's cross with a wild shot high and wide. Shearer, however, was more of a menace than Ferdinand, and more than once only a timely interception by Albert denied him a shooting opportunity.

The more the match progressed the more Newcastle looked to Ginola for Inspiration. The Frenchman's ability to produce penetrating cen-tres from either wing was needed if Ferdinand's heading power was to count. One such cross reached the Engand striker after 26 minutes but he glanced the ball wide. Newcastle went much closer 12 minutes from half-time. Ferdinand beat Hendry to Beresford's free kick from

began the match in his former himself headlong to meet it forward role while Lee but saw the ball ricochet wide off Flowers's right knee. Keegan's team drew confidence from that moment. Now their inter-passing in the approaches to goal carried more of its old stamp, and Blackburn were forced into some ungainly defensive pos-

Blackburn defence before shooting high into the crowd. He was looking hungrier than he had done earlier.
The first half ended with

Asprilla scorning the sort of chance Newcastle could ill af-Ginola's free kick with a header straight out to the Colombian, who should at least have hit the target instead of volleying over.
The possible cost of such

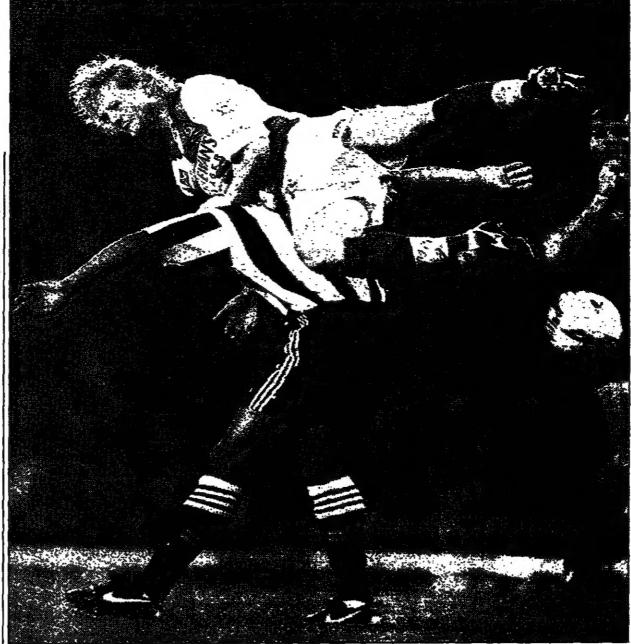
wastefulness was demonstrated early in the second half when Sherwood hared through a gap to meet Wil-cox's low centre and drive the ball just wide. Soon after Ferdinand gathered Lee's through pass, drove it in low from the right, and was un-lucky to see it deflect straight to Flowers.

Nevertheless, Newcastle looked the more likely scor-ers. They might have gone ahead after 56 minutes when Beardsley met a ball punched out by Flowers and Asprilla tried to divert his drive, but again missed the target.
Flowers kept out shots from
Beardsley and Asprilla as
Newcastle redoubled their at-

tacking efforts. Yet in one of

just past the hour, Sherwood ran on to Shearer's low,

square pass to hit the bar from 25 yards. Blackburn Rovers: Flowers: Barg.



Rendry hoisted . . . Blackburn's centre-back goes horizontal as Asprilla backs in last night

middle, they were shiply snuffed out.
Liverpool strolled through the afternoon, hardly raising a sweat, and only Collymore—apart from the mercurial McManaman, who is never still—seemed to relish their 18th same of the seeson. 48th game of the season.

He almost gave Liverpool
the lead in the first five minutes when a slick move begun

Queens Park Rangers 3, Everton 1

### QPR in break for safety

Martin Thorpe

■OR a team at the wrons end of the table the right result is not always their own. QPR moved up a place in the Premiership yesterday thanks to this victory combined with handy defeats for those around them. It helps when you get a little help from your foes.

Just three points now cover the bottom five and the scramble to avoid the drop looks more than ever to be leading for the last game of the threaded the ball through

off line they have been below all year will largely be decided by their away game on Saturday against Coventry, the team they leapfrogged in the table yesterday. Ray Wilkins's side will ap-

proach that game, and their final two, at home to West Ham and away at Nottingham | £1.5 million arrival. Forest, in good heart. Two

VEN though Manches-ter City remain outside the relegation zone, the

good news ends there. On this form it is hard to see them

winning any of their remain-

ing three games; in fact it is

hard to see them scoring.

They were really that bad. City looked devoid of belief

and purpose, and noticeably failed to fulfil Alan Ball's

pledge to "battle above and beyond the call of duty". Per-

haps something got lost in the

If it goes to the wire City could find themselves need-ing to beat Liverpool in their

final game. Even that might not be enough, since only Bol-

ton of the strugglers have an inferior goal difference.

Neil Robinson

Wimbledon 3, Manchester City 0

of relaxed confidence to much of their play and, though they conceded too much posses-sion to Everton yesterday, they did not panic, calmly soaking up the pressure and scoring on the break.

That was how their first goal came on 15 minutes. An Everton corner was cleared to Sinclair wide on the right and midway in his own half. The two defenders to Gallen, who For QPR, however, their finished with a crisp shot.

Cup place, then resumed their pressure for the next 25 minutes, before QPR troubled Southall again. Holloway crossed from the right and Hateley, making his first start in two months, for once outjumped Watson to head in his first home goal stace his

For all Everton's posses

City dig their own grave

but the whole has long been inadequate. For once Kink-ladze failed to sparkle and his fellow Georgian Kavelashvili

troubled only the public

City's German left-back

Frontzeck proved more both-ersome to his own team-mates

and looked a liability from start to finish. Three times he lost possession in crucial

areas and from his third error

Jones fed Ardley, whose cross was headed home on 40 min-

utes with great power by Rob-ble Earle for Wimbledon's

utes Earle completed a good day by heading in a second after Gayle's header had

bounced back off the bar and

Better sides than City might have regrouped at the interval instead they were undone by two quick goals soon afterwards. On 48 min-

ddress announcer.

chances before the break. But after it they added Branch as a second striker alongside Ferguson and took root in the Rangers half, Ferguson hit the bar, Branch just missed Kanchelskis's centre across the face of Sommer's goal. But then QPR scored their third.

Unsworth's clearance was

charged down by Sinclair.

whose shot was parried by Southall, and impey pounced on the rebound to make up for Saturday's defensive mistake that sparked Newcastle's comeback. Everton resumed their siege, pulled a goal back through Ebbrell and Fergu-son maybe should have added a second with a free header he sent wide. But Rangers hung on to fight another day, start-ing with Ron Atkinson's side.

can't lose that one." QPRs Sommer, Bardaley, McDonald. Yales, Brevell, Holloway, Wilkins, Impey. Sinctair, Gallen, Hateley. Evertem Southall: Hottiger, Watson, Unsworth (Short, Samut), Hinnichtiffe, Kanchelskin, Parkinson, Ebbrell, Norne (Grant, 74), Fenguson, Limper (Branch, h-1).

Further uncertainty in City's defence led to Wimble-

don's third when Symons

failed to clear adequately and

Ekoku, unmarked in the

heart of the penalty area, shot

from eight yards.

The arrival of Rösler and Phillips stopped City flagging further and Kinkladze almost

provided the visitors with token consolation when he

toe-poked the ball past Sulli-

van, although Perry was per-fectly placed to clear the ball

off the line. By then Wimbledon knew

that their job was done. At-ready they are planning a summer trip to Las Vegas; City's future is rather less

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keep up drive for Europe

**Forest** 

Russell Thomas

OTTINGHAM Forest, England's most dura-ble team in Europe this season, are driving towards re-entry as their rivals for fifth spot - guaranteeing a Uefa Cup place - faltered. For Leeds, this close soon enough.

Elland Road fans endur ing the 3-1 defeat would have suffered more but for numerous Lukic saves and Lee's squandering of two simple chances.

Frank Clark's side shrugged aside Wetherall's aded opener after 10 minutes. Forest were ahead on the half-hour through Cooper and Lee before Woan, Leeds' prime tor-mentor, settled the issue with a vicious shot after 66 minutes. So Howard Wil-kinson's team, again defen-sively unsound, fell to their sixth defeat in nine states

sixth defeat in nine games. Tottenham, Forest's vic tims on Saturday, failed to exploit fully Everton's set-back and Arsenal's 1-0 de-feat at Sheffield Wednesday, where Degryse's sho home relegation fears.

At White Hart Lane two goals in 60 seconds late on enlivened a dull draw. Armstrong's 20th of the season appeared to have secured Spurs victory, only for Whelan to reply. In the First Division Sun-

deriand lost momentum in the 0-0 home draw with Charlton as Derby struck five times in 19 minutes including a Simpson hat-trick — in the 6-2 thrashing of Transere. Crystal Palace consolidated third place with goals from Freedman and Houghton in the 2-0 win at Reading. Ips-wich had Vaughan sent off in the 3-1 setback at Grimsby, where Mendonca hit a 20-minute hat-trick.

Bolton Wanderers 2, Chelsea 1

### **Curcic revives hope**

an Ross

HE FANS continue to dream on in the less fashionable part of greater Manchester after a rousing victory over Chelses built on a stirring perfor-mance. The Bolton Wander-ers faithful streamed from Burnden Park clinging to the theory that where there is ife, there is hope.

Yet it is still difficult to say if an uplifting victory, se-cured by a magnificent goal from the midfielder Curcic. will ultimately prove a defining moment in a season-long fight against relegation or whether it will simply have delayed the inevitable.

"We fight on," said Bolton's nanager Colin Todd. They will, too, the problem being that, even if they win their three remaining fixtures. they could still return whence they came last summer.

Bolton fans are nothing if not phlegmatic. They have ter of them. been fearing the worst since Bolton weathered a brew-

August, when the first Pre-miership table of the season hinted at hard times ahead. From that time a club which must prosper in the shadow cast by several more affluent brothers has been staring disaster full in the face.

Unlike at Goodison Park on Saturday, Bolton's level of commitment was faultless, It was their skill level which was questionable.

Effort alone will go a long way in the First, Second and Third Divisions but it must be augmented by something more cerebral once Endsleigh football has been waved goodbye. Chelsea's

ended with FA Cup elimination last month, so this was party time, a stroll beneath the slate skies. Football is a simple game when the fear factor is

removed and, initially at least, Chelsea were in their element as Bolton's apprehension threatened to get the betfore Gullit found a way through a defence which lacked a real sense of organisation. His marvellous pass released Furlong, who in turn fed Spencer, who scored with a low and true shot.

But Easter is not a bad time for a resurrection and before the interval - quite inexplicably — Bolton were in front. On 40 minutes McGinlay collected a Stubbs throughball before steering calmly wide of the advancing Hitch cock.lt was a nice goal but one which was put disdain-fully in the shade four min-

utes later by Curcic, who 25 yards. The transformation was dramatic, the difference being

that Bolton needed to win and Cheisea did not. Bolton Wanderers: Ward; Bergsson Farclough Colonan, Philips, McGinley Sulble, Sellars, Thompson, Curek, Blake (Taylor Bümin)

Aston Villa 3, Southampton 0

### Yorke tests patience of Saints

EVER mind that Dwight Yorke halls from a dif-ferent climate and culture: yesterday the West Indian produced two pleces of

As a youngster Yorke caught shellfish to sell to local restaurants in Tobago and he bought his first football boots with the money. Yesterday he laid Gary Charles's goal on a plate and scored a sumptuous third to accompany Ian Taylor's starter.

Southampton lacked neither heart nor spirit but were short of quality — that most vital of commodities — and once Taylor broke the deadlock with a 63rd-minute header the result was never in

Dave Merrington said after-wards: "This season Yorke

has been the most exciting player in the Premiership. When you look at his goal re-cord as well it shows how im-

portant he has been — I wish I could play him." Southampton came to stifle Villa and it worked for an hour. Yorke played delightful one-twos just before half-time, first with Andy Townsend and then Alan Wright, as Villa sought to break through but a Bruce Grobbelaar clearance

came to the rescue. The Zimbabwean made a crass error of judgment, though, in coming for Townsend's corner, missing and allowing Taylor to finish off from six yards. The Southampton manager rounded on his goalkeeper in the dressingroom, blaming him for the

crucial lapse.
With 12 minutes left, Sayo
Milosevic tied up two defenders on the right before slip-ping the ball inside. Yorke rendered Benali helpless and his cross left Charles to find the

net from four yards. Three minutes later Townsend found Yorke 40 yards out with his back to goal. The ball was flicked over the head of Simon Charlton and he was away, cutting in from the left

The after-match talk surrounded Milosevic, who allegedly threw a punch at the Southampton defender Tommy Widdrington, an offence unnoticed by the referee

Merrington was in no mood to pull any punches, either. "We really have to go for it in the next two home games We're not scoring enough goals and, if you don't score,

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Barnes . . . sealed victory

### Teamtalk

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#### Endsleigh League Third Division: Torquay 0, Plymouth 2

### Rock-bottom Gulls on wing and a prayer

THIS is Basil Fawlty country but trade is bad and, English Riviers or not. the closing-down signs appear to be going up at Plainmoor. Torquay are stuck at the bottom without hope of salva-tion, except by default if Stevenage, whose ground is not good enough for the League, finish as Vauxhall Confer-

expression about their manager Eddie May and he was in the mood for honest ap-praisal. "A lot of players in my side today would never low's cross.

have been signed by me. A few might be struggling to get a job with any club. Some looked as though they'd al-ready given up the ghost. Where was the passion, the cutting edge?"

In truth, the Gulls were temporarily full of flutter for 20 minutes or so. Then they more than matched Plymouth, who are competing for a play-off place after all. The Pilgrims seem to be leaving it to their prayer books rather than feet.

But they had the advantage of a fifth-minute goal when Ronnie Mauge was allowed a

They waited until the 76th minute for the second, Adrian Littlejohn sprinting through the middle for his first goal in 16 games.

Torquay. Manuel, who buzzed between the tables like a mid-field dynamo, has long gone back to Barcelona — and Plainmoor, like Basil's establishment, may soon leave us only with endearing, eccen-tric memories.

#### Vauxhall Conference: Stevenage Borough 4, Woking 0

#### Woking wilt as Venables spearheads leaders' assault

#### Christian Bright

Torquay suffer derby depression but Stevenage give grounds for optimism by trouncing their rivals for the non-league crown

OR the third year run-lang, it seems, the Vaux-hall Conference will be denled the satisfaction of seeing one of its own pro-moted to the League. One could hear the cheer-

ing in Torquay yesterday when the Conference leaders Stevenage Borough, whose modest Broadhall Way ground has not satis-fied the League's demands, overwhelmed second-

evidence of this abject sur-render to opponents who had never beaten them be-fore. Woking did not look a side with six successive wins behind them.

Crowd congestion de-layed the start 15 minutes but there was a distinct lack of bodies around the

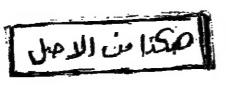
lack of bodies around the Woking goalmouth in the fourth minute when David Venables speared in Stevenage's first goal.

Woking's keeper Batty then dropped a Mutchell free-kick to present the prolitic Hayles with a simple shot into an unguarded net. In the second half Venahles, running amok on Ste placed Woking, who would go up if they finished top.

The prospects of that happening are remote on the line that he prospects of the line that he prospects of the line in the second half Venables, running amok on Ste-

venage's right wing, released Trebble. He nudged the ball past Batty and Sodje, who had run from defence, stretched to turn it in. When Berry sent Venables away once more, Trebble headed the goal he deserved.
"To play like that, know-

ing we cannot go up, is really something," said Stevenage's manager Paul Fairclough.



### Saints look wholly new

Paul Fitzpatrick

T HELENS are in their best shape for some time and Shaun McRae can take much of the credit. He inherited a talented squad when he arrived from Canberra last Jan-uary but their performances now reflect his personality and no longer that of the sacked Eric Hughes.

Their Challenge Cup final against Bradford Bulls on April 27 appears to be acting more as an incentive than a distraction. To beat Wigan after falling 16-4 behind was some feat and to follow less than 72 hours later with this win at Leeds suggests the stuff of champions.

A pack of real force is devel-

oping. There are few better props, hookers or second-row forwards anywhere than Apollo Perelini, Keiron Cun-ningham and Chris Joynt. The Australian Derek McVey is a discovery and Andy Northey is clearly relishing the switch from the back div-ision to loose forward.

Behind them a talented back division cannot fail to thrive and the tries are flowing. Workington Town let in 11, Wigan and Leeds seven aplece. Nine of those 25 touchdowns belong to Danny Ar-nold, who got another two yesterday. McRae could find it hard to omitthe teenager at Wembley.

If any place is now under threat it is Anthony Sulli-van's. The Welsh winger's late error presented a try to were eventually left trailing his opposite number Jim Falby a St Helens side bursting lon but he is too talented to with ideas and confidence. remain in the doldrums for

long.
Leeds have now lost all three of their Super League games but reinforcements are on the way. Their head coach Dean Bell hopes to sign a

They are badly needed, al-though for 50 minutes Leeds produced possibly their most committed performance since they removed Halifex from the Challenige Cup in late Feb-ruary. Not even the loss of their captain Neil Harmon, taken to hospital for neck Xrays, could weaken their

They changed ends with a deficit of only six points, which became two when Cummins scored his second try three minutes after the interval, but in the 48th minute Saints took a grip. Arnold set off inside his own half and ran 70 metres for a superb in-

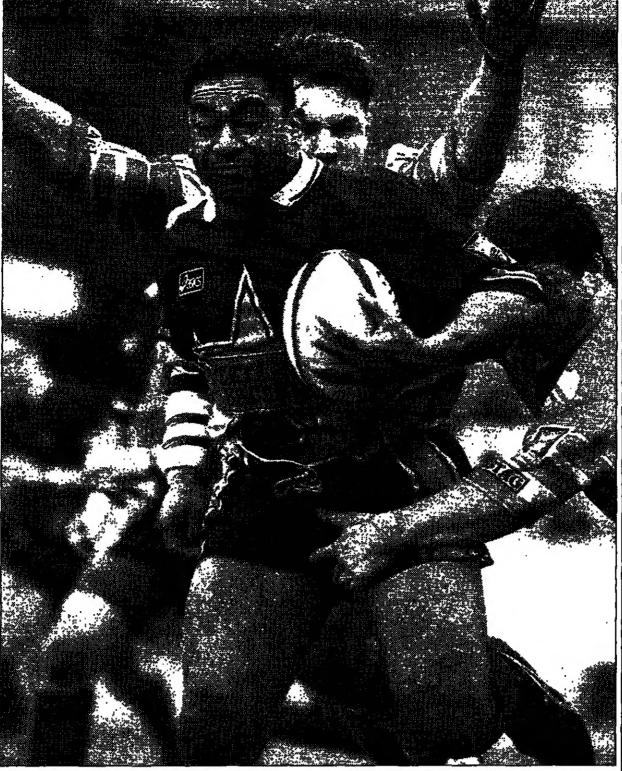
dividual try.

The floodgates then opened with tries for Newlove and Cunningham, deserved reward for two outstanding players, and a second touch down in as many games for Tommy Martyn, easing his way back after 11 months' absence.

The first half had been much more competitive. Saints led 6-2 but found themselves 6–14 down after tries by Hassan and Cummins either side of Harmon's injury. Resiliently they finished the half strongly. Hunte, from Goulding's well-disguised pass, joined in from full-back to score and Northey com-pleted a spell of heavy pres-sure with a forceful try.

A penalty from Goulding, who was successful with nine kicks, put Saints ahead at 20-14. Leeds opened the scoring in the second half but Loodin A Gibb Gleadhill; Cum

Northey, Substitut-L. Pickeyan



No escape . . . home advantage counts for nothing as St Helens defenders halt George Mann of Leeds

### Montgomerie and Woosnam turn to guru

David Davies in Atlanta on two men in need of a trim for the Masters

HE glorious triumph by Paul Stankowski in the BellSouth Classic in Atlanta on Sunday — glorious for him at least — further em-phasised the feeble perfor-mances by some of the game's top players. Stankowski, who started

the week as sixth reserve for the event, produced a final round of 71 for an eight-under-par total of 280, then won a sudden-death play-off against Brandel Chamblee. While these two from the nether regions of US golf were winning \$234.000 and \$140.000 respectively, our brave boys Ian Woosnam and Colin Montgomerie were playing nondescript golf. It was a sunny day, the greens, well rained upon on Saturday, were receptive and the pin po-sitions were no more difficult

than any other Sunday's. But the recognised players, almost to a man, played as if their minds were elsewhere which, given that this week is Masters week, may be understandable but is hardly good sense. Montgomerie and Woosnam both had rounds of 73; Fred Couples, winner last week of the Players Championship, had a 73 too; and Nick Price, the best player of the past few years, had a 71.

Stankowski, who got off to a fast start, was rarely pres-sured, certainly not by a name he feared, and in the play-off he hit fewer bad shots than Chamblee. In fact Stankowski's bad one was a blessing in disguise, for it was his tee shot and it meant that he had to lay up short at the first

play-off hole, the long 18th. Chamblee then attempted to find the green with a one-iron second off a hanging lie and instead dumped it in the greenside lake. His fourth found the fringe and his fifth, putted, missed. All Stankowski now had to do was get down in two from 10 feet and he holed the first.

Sam Torrance, with a 70, was the only British player to show and he was too far back to start with, while the day confidence of Montgomerie or Woosnam. Both won \$11,570. but about what their Sunday

and, if possible, instil confi dence, is their coach Bill Fer-guson. This blunt Yorkshireguson. This blint forkshire-man has taught Montgomeric since he took up the game and he does not expect many prob-lems from the golfer who is now the world's No. 2.

"What he usually means about is what most profes-sionals mean about anymat".

sionals moan about anyway," said Ferguson. "He'll say he wants to hole a few more putts, but who doesn't? And he'll say he's not driving very well and we look into it and he's missed two fairways, say, in 72 boles."

Nevertheless Ferguson's presence means a lot to Montgomerie. After Sunday's round the Scot said: "I'll go to Augusta and we'll work on my putting on Monday and Tuesday and Wednesday, and by Thursday I'll have it and be ready to go."

Woosnam is another whom Ferguson feels is on the right lines and needs only a little trimming now and then. It was not always so.

"We had dinner at the US Open last year and Ian asked me what he was doing wrong. So I asked him what he thought he was doing wrong. He told me, and his thinking was way off base. He actually had the ball too far forward in a total mess.

"I moved it back and he said: If I hit it from there, it'll go miles right.' I said: 'Yes, it will, but not if you move your left shoulder forward.' He did that and then said: 'Now I'm aiming miles right.' And I had to tell him: 'No, now you're aiming straight."

"He hit a few balls, no more than 20, and suddenly he was saying: 'It hasn't felt like this finish ahead of Colin in the championship by one shot." Ferguson went on:

out but it was always going to be the next six months that would be the problem. It's a matter of getting him to trust it because some days it will seem like it's not working and that's when you've got to stick with it." Ferguson was called in by

Woosnam at the start of the year for a pre-season check-up. "I went to his home in Jersey in January for three days and at the end of them he was bouncing again. It was

Two bonny, bouncing boys at Augusta this week would gladden the heart of Bill Ferguson and, while he may want Montgomerie to win, be

### No Entat cordial as Bears draw little comfort in Paris

capital gain in Paris but matches. had to settle for a share of Entat's

points when a late try and eye for an opening the winger Pascal Bo- were consistently trouble-

Salt Lake City 46-42.

Martin Crompton who Entat's tactical kicking sparked Oldham into life down the blind side and eye for an opening when he danced through following a scrum to claim were consistently trouble the Paris defence to put the Oldham's third try.

LDHAM BEARS were League and meant that from the French Test full-after Darren Abram had within minutes of both sides have now taken making a significant three points from three lit was Oldham's captain Six minutes into the Six minutes into the second half Maloney broke

nau railed to deal with Patrick Entat's kick through,
was converted by the
hooker Patrick Torreilles.
The 24-24 draw maintained Paris's unbeaten
home record in the Super

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ENDSLEIGH LEAGUE

First Division

But Entat popped up to beaten 54-22 by Sheffield at finish off an excellent Derwent Park. handling move. Torreilles converted and then added a The Eagles soared to vice tory with a burst of five penalty when the Oldham loose forward Howard Hill tries in the final 17 minutes from Bright Sodje, Ryan Sheridan, Mick Cook, was sin-binned for a profes-

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The man who will have to tighten up their technique if it were to be Woosnam.

#### Sport in brief

Franc Botica, the dual All Black and Kiwi international, will play union with Orrell next season after signing a £40,000 two-year deal with the League One club yesterday. Castleford have given the 32-year-old back, now fully recovered from a broken leg, permission to switch codes during the Super League close season next winter.

"I'm glad it's all sorted out," Botica said. "I can now put thoughts of Orrell to one side and concentrate on helping Castleford continue a good start to the season."

#### Olympic Games

Nagano has backed down on one of its election promises. The organisers of the 1998 Winter Olympics have gained the consent of the International Olympic Committee to withdraw a pledge to pay the travel expenses of all competi-tors and officials, an offer that helped win them the vote to host the Games. Instead com-petitors will be reimbursed

with \$1,000 each.
"I think the deal shows that

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#### lided after skidding on oil.

Tennis India's first ATP tournament started earlier than scheduled yesterday because lighting on the two side courts was faulty. Jakob Hlasek then ex-tinguished Chris Wilkinson 6-3, 7-5. Hlasek, a Swiss ranked

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8-4, 7-5; J Stemenisk (North) bt G Rusedski (GB) 2-6, 6-4, 6-4; T Delamesow (Swe) bt J Eagle (Aus) 6-4, 6-2.

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6-4, 8-2; A Radiuteau (Ger) bt J Rous (Fr)
7-6, 6-2; 4 Hitsnek (Switz) bt C Witkinson (GB) 6-3, 7-4; S Stolie (Aus) bt S Kirfatte (Ind) 6-2, 8-1; D Saperford (GB) bt C Artiers (Gar) 7-6, 6-4; C Carretti (N) bt P Baur (Ren) 6-3, 6-3.

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#### Snooker BRITISH OPEN (Plymouth): Final: N Bond (Eng) by J Higgins (Scott 9-8. **Table Tennis**

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[Japan] 21-9, 21-12; Li Justific Ha (China)
bi Chen Jing/Chan Chil-Tan (Talpel)
21-11, 34-22; Pirsal: Yang Ying/Hang Hais
bi Li Ju/Wa Na 16-21, 22-20, 24-22.

#### **Fixtures**

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GREAT MILLS LEAGUE Premier Divisions Fastwood Hanley v Kitaggrave Ath.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Firet Divisions of Mangotsfield Unit Premier Divisions (7.0); Lucypool v Notim Forest (7.0); Sheff Wed v Tranmere (7.0). Second Divisions Grimsby v Rotherham (7.0); Kanstield v Coventry (7.0); Sinderland v Hull (7.0).

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION; First Divisions Grimsby v Rotherham (7.0); Charlion v Millwall (2.0); DPR v Crystal Paisco (7.0), Second Divisions Carditi v Newport AFC.

SPRIN MENERTH PRIMIT CAPITAL LEAGUES Sutton v Gillingham.

LEAGUES OF WALES: Inter Carditi v Bright Ferry.

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# Sports Guardian

PROFLIGATE UNITED KEEP PREMIERSHIP HOPES HIGH AT OLD TRAFFORD

Premiership: Manchester United 1, Coventry City 0

# Cantona steps up the pace

David Lacey

NCHESTER mier League title in four seasons continues to be coupled with the name of Eric Cantona. The Frenchman's seventh goal in eight matches enabled Alex Ferguson's side to steal a march on Newcastle United yesterday, but only in the figurative sense.

For far from marching to victory Manchester United were often too inclined to stroll around in the manner of men assuming that the points were theirs for the taking. So they should have been had a higher proportion of the goals on offer been taken before half-time, when Coventry's defence was down

to the last sandbag.

As it was, Old Trafford, having been sickened by the sight of blood being mopped from the pitch after an awful injury to the Coventry centreback David Busst at the start of the game, spent much of the afternoon sweating in a mixture of exasperation and anxiety as United seemed in-capable of reflecting their superiority in terms of goals.

The drive of Keane, sus-pended for this game, was badly missed in midfield. Butt, due to begin a twoweekend, was again influential and Giggs's mastery of the left wing was absolute. Manchester United's most promising attacks broke ferent first touch or his lack of a quicker response to what was developing around him.

For a short while, understandably, the way the match began cast a pall over the afternoon. After barely a minute and a half's play Busst suffered a compound fracture



Feet first . . . Cole battles for the ball with Ogrizovic and Williams as McClair runs in from midfield

corner from the right with a | the defender received emer- [ glancing header that Schmeichel, arching backwards, managed to palm towards the

the defender received emer-gency treatment before going interception, heading clear a to hospital. minutes had made a crucial interception, heading clear a menacing centre from Beck-

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ally colonised the Coventry half of the field. Their initial passing was as perceptive as ever and an air of studied ham after a build-up involvcalm settled on the proceed-ings whenever Cantons, lying deeper than usual, gained

> But a host of chances came and went, with Cole's scoring Giggs's centre from the goalmouth, but obvious opportu-

nities were missed. There were moments when Cole achieved the near-impos sible by not scoring. Butt nicely took the pace off a low cross from Giggs for him but Cole failed to make contact; a gift of a ball from Cantona was struck wide; and in the closing minutes of the first half Cole completely missed his shot after Butt had met a deflected shot from Cantona with a superb first-time ball back into the middle.

A brief response from Cov-entry midway through the first half — Telfer and Richardson releasing Salako for a shot wide of the far post must have raised a doubt in United's minds as to the con-sequences of such wastefulness. If so, it did not last long. Within two minutes of the second half they were ahead. Initially the scenario was

in the goalmouth, Cole flailed a foot at it without making

But his emulation of the can-can denied Richardson a proper headed clearance and the ball bounced down to leave Cantona with the simplest of scoring chances. Even then the promised flood of goals never happened.

### Drivers fail to see Fangio in the mirror



Richard Williams

OU always believe you will become the best," Juan Manuel Fangio once said, "but you must never be-lieve you have done so." His legend but his modesty made him loved.

gentina was the first to take place since the peaceful death old, whose five world champl onships between 1951 and 1957 entitled him to be described as the greatest racing driver of all time.

Fangio died in his home town of Balcarce, which is about five hours' drive south of Buenos Aires. His most celebrated triumphs were achieved in Europe but it was to Balcarce that he returned when, a couple of weeks after his 47th birthday, he decided that he was no longer capable of doing justice to his own talent. Now Balcarce has a Fanin elegant turn of the century building and mostly dedicated to the cars he raced and

the trophies he won. Some of them were on view n Buenos Aires last week, at the track on which he won the grand prix four years run-ning. Behind the main grandstand his compatriots lined up to view the Model A Ford in which he made his debut in 1936, using a pseudonym to hide his identity from disapproving parents.

Next to the Ford stood an

ven more mythical machine: a big pale green 1940 Chevro-let coupe, of a type familiar courage and determination of Coventry's defenders, with Daish blocking a shot from for the umpteenth time and, Cantona and later clearing as the hall behad are later to the familiar coupe, of a type familiar from the thrillers of Hawks, Ray and Tourneur. This was the car, pald for by the people of Salcarce, in which Fangio Norte and the Mil Milas Argentinos, fearsome events lasting several days in which competitors were required to navigate open roads that were tracks. I thought of that as listened to Hill and Schumacher complaining about the difficulties they faced when confronted by a little bit of dust and a couple of bumps a mere inch or two high.

But each generation sets its own kind of test. Some time in the next century people work will probably examine the run.

machines of Hill and Schu-macher with the same sense of wonder that overwhelmed me as I looked at Fangio's Chevy. The sensation was even

stronger a couple of days he fore the grand prix, as I was walking through a shopping centre in Buenos Aires and came across another exhibit sent along by the Balcarce museum: a Maserati 2501 purporting to be the one in which Fangio won the German Grand Prix of 1957, when he came from a long way be hind to beat the Ferraris of Hawthorn and Collins with a

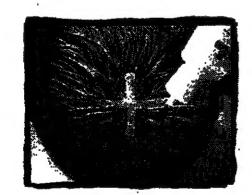
drive of divine virtuosity. The 250F was probably the most beautiful racing car most beautiful rating tar-ever built. Only a couple of dozen were made and their rarity value is immense. Many fakes have been created, while genuine cars have been reconstituted to resemble more famous ones.

So I can't say for sure if this was the real thing. It certainly looked perfect, with its long nose and elegant tail, the object of semi-curious stares from people moving between the clothes shops and the fast food court.

N Sunday, an hour before the race, they Fanglo at the circuit. Another of his cars, the Mercedes W196 of 1954-55, was pushed silently down the main straight and past the grandstand by four mechanics in spotless white overalls. It seemed a pity that they didn't fire up the straight eight engine and perhaps ask Jose Froilan Gonzalez, Fangio's contemporary and felor countryman, to drive a lap in it. But somebody said that the immaculate silver car would never be started Fangio to have been the last man to drive it. And anyway outside the circuit.

Alain Prost attended the unveiling but none of the cur-They're an unsentimental bunch, understandably enough, and tend to leave that sort of thing to the rest of us. but I thought they could have made an exception for the only man to win their championship five times.

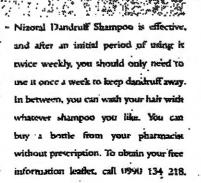
Still, I was glad that if one Fangio's old car was wheeled past, it should come from the McLaren pit, where the preswere fine-tuning Coulthard's car, oblivious to the little ceremony. Perhaps the man we were honouring would have preferred that. Life going on,



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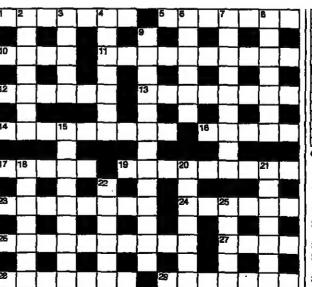
on either side of him, dressed in rugby strip but all wearing clip-on microphones. Paxman was wearing shorts under his suit. Armando

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1 fron tip given a spot of paint (7) 5 Trainee in hospital depart-ment following the boss (7)

- 10 Grieve for 27 (4) 11 Those that keep quiet — those lacking initial success in tennis? (10)
- 12 Several pints in a pub, relatively (6) 13 Flowering plant makes
- 14 Ain't noses put out of joint by remarkable person? (9) 16 Female star may be joine by any number in bed (5)
- 17 Amusement offered by second drink (5) 19 Girl into history is expert on 23 To applaud deception is
- 26 A Scottish writer among boxers and fighters in Spain? (10)
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- who's found two things the
- Down 2 Learned, but without Latin
- Vessel's removable inner coating (5) 4 Fool without work, I should be an aviator (2-5)
- 6 Singer is targeted by Indoor
- 7 Give glrl story as a distraction (9)

9 Neglect correspondence

- 15 Torture which has e.g. I-limbs straing up with difficulty (9) 18 'Handy' couple of friends (7)
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- 22 Trickster trodden on by black shoe (6) 25 Winner to fret impatiently (5)

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